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May 27, 1943 Joseph David Fallon M.D. Again a guest of Jim Huntington, an exceptional and highly respected gentleman.
Thomas E Sullivan D.M.D. "On ne Passe pas Quand Meme" The Dr. Huntington I shall never forget.
To one of the pleasant evenings of my life
Without exception, the happiest birthday of my life. Thanks to Jim, Jan, Tim, Joe and Della. Wonderful people!!)
To the most wonderful people none better "Our Dear (Pete Leafe
"God makes" - To Tim Leahey - To Joe Fallon - To Jim Huntington - To Tom Sullivan
To Sweet Genevieve Keefe and to myself Della Sullivan -
a grand party after spending the whole day in Springfield at Court Nelson Benson sitting. It was very cordial to me and has promised to come here when he sits in Northampton next term. I gave my testimony just before the lunch recess and was cross examined from 2.00 to 2.40 then I got off. Very sharp thunder storm on my way back from Springfield. Played tennis after supper.

May 28th Went to office bright & early read the account of my testimony in the Republican - fairly accurate only. Met Sally & Elsie at the afternoons tea. Played tennis & out supper
Played 7's in evening

May 29 Busy office hours. Played golf with Tim. D Coyne & Genevieve joined us when half way around very good pace but I only made a 60 but I got 40 on seven excellent shots although I lost 2 balls. Played 7's in evening Elsie won. Heard that the Wheeler case goes over until Tuesday - almost unheard of as Court was due to adjourn noon on Friday & Monday is a holiday!!

May 30 Beautiful clear mild Spring day. Spent big morning in hospital seeing patients. Took Tim to Amherst & joined him after lunch. Played golf in P.M. Mrs. Roth was my partner and I was pretty rotten but I got in 2 or 3 really good shots. The O'Hara's & Mrs. O'Hara's sister-in-law to tea & had my nails at the Ritz - come see & see them there. Played 7's in the evening and I won.

May 31 Spent the whole glorious day at the Hospital Mrs. Fairfield her son & 8½ lb. boy leaving later. Got home in time to plant some flowers.

June 1 We were married 32 years ago today. Sally, Elsie & I left for Boston at 6 A.M. Sent Mrs. Kelleher into Hospital and my baby arrived - a fine big boy - at 9.30 P.M.

June 2 Left Cambridge Hospital at 4.30 A.M. and got my breakfast in Amherst beautiful early morning but rained all the early part of the day. Had a delightful restful afternoon just comfortably warm. Went to Amherst for errands just before 6 P.M. and had a long talk with Dave Morton about trips - this in answer to a letter from him which I am keeping in this volume as it is a classic.

June 3 Went early to office - in spite of heat played golf with Tim he beat me but it was close.

June 4 Early to office then Northfield lunched with Tim and took him to golf links again he beat me but with with played better 53 & 48 Beautiful Summer day. Heard this morning that Dan Wheeler was sentenced 6 to 14 months in prison! I am analyzed.

DOCTORS TESTIFY IN WHEELER TRIAL

Questioning Involves Advisability of Abortion in Regard to Mental Condition of Defendant's Wife

Evidence of specialists in psychiatry and obstetrics on direct and cross-examination featured the fourth day of the trial of Dr Daniel R. Wheeler before Judge Nelson R. Brown in criminal session of superior court yesterday, on a charge of performing an illegal abortion on his wife, Mrs Mildred L. Wheeler, in this city on June 24, 1937.

Dr James Huntington of Hadley and Boston stated on direct examination by Atty Gerald J. Callahan, chief counsel for Dr Wheeler, that in his opinion it would have been dangerous to Mrs Wheeler's health to have undergone childbirth in view of her mental and physical condition in 1937, adding that her attempt to commit suicide in 1940 merely confirmed this opinion.

On cross-examination by Asst District Atty Alfred W. Bettigole he admitted that he was not a specialist in mental diseases or in psychiatry, and insisted that Mrs Wheeler's suicide attempt indicated an abnormal mental condition.

"Is it your opinion that if she had given birth to a child in 1937 she would have committed suicide?" he was asked.

"That is my opinion," he replied.

He said that the case was not necessarily a psychiatric problem and said that it is not always necessary to obtain the advice of a psychiatrist in such a situation, although he admitted that it would be sound medical practice for a psychiatrist to obtain the advice of an obstetrician in such a situation.

"Would it have been a good idea for Dr Wheeler had called in an obstetrician in 1937?" he was asked.

"I should say so," Dr Huntington replied. He said that he would have refused an abortion if he had been consulted by Dr Wheeler. He also agreed that such operations should be performed in a hospital as a precautionary measure.

Dr Paul Sanderson, Boston obstetrician, called by the defense, said at in his opinion, based upon records he had studied of the case, it would not have been advisable for Mrs Wheeler to have had a child in 1937. On cross-examination he said that it would have been wise for Dr Wheeler to have consulted an obstetrician. Asked what weight he placed on obstetrics and psychiatry in such cases, he termed it "a 50-50 proposition."

The witness had some difficulty in understanding a hypothetical question put by the assistant district-attorney regarding the ethics of a physician performing an abortion on his own wife and Judge Brown took occasion to interpret the question for him.

"He wants to know if there is any standard in the medical profession regarding ethics in such cases," he said. Dr Sanderson replied that he would have to base his answer to such a question on specific circumstances. The assistant district-attorney did not press the matter further.

Dr Arthur N. Ball of the Northampton State hospital was the final witness, and said that in his opinion, based upon Mrs Wheeler's stay for a few days at the Northampton institution in 1940, hers was a "borderline case." He explained that he felt that at the time she was at the hospital she "was on thin ice," which meant, he said, that "if the ice should break it would mean insanity."

In his opinion, he said, Mrs Wheeler is not a woman of normal temperament, and that in 1940 she was neurotic. Her suicide attempt in 1935 indicated that she was not mentally sound, he said.

On cross-examination he agreed that he had based his background of the case on what Dr Wheeler had told him. Asked if problem children would have an effect upon a woman he replied, "Yes, and problem parents would have much the same effect on children." He admitted that the history of Mrs Wheeler's case made it difficult for him to reach a decision regarding her probable mental condition.

Questioned about the medical ethics regarding abortions, he said that he would have no hesitancy in advising an abortion if he felt that the circumstances warranted it. Such operations could be performed in various places, he said, but he felt that a hospital would be the proper place.

Asked directly if he considered it proper for a physician to perform an operation on his own wife he caused a laugh by saying: "If I had some wives I might."

During the morning session Dr Frederick S. Hopkins, recently elected president of the Springfield Academy of Medicine, and Dr Eugene Walker, superintendent of Springfield hospital, testified regarding a change in the hospital records based upon a diagnosis of Mrs Wheeler's condition at the time Dr Hopkins gave her treatment at the hospital in 1937. In his original entry, Dr Hopkins said, he described the condition he found as the results of an "abortion, incomplete," but had changed this to "hyperplastic endometritis" following talks with Dr Walker and Dr Frederick Jones.

Dr Walker confirmed Dr Hopkins's testimony regarding the change of entry in the hospital records. Asked for his opinion about the advisability of an abortion being performed if a patient's mental health was endangered by pregnancy, he said that he believed an operation was advisable.

Asked by Dist-Atty Charles R. Alberti if it is not customary for someone else to perform such an operation he replied briefly: "I would." He said he had heard of such operations being performed in physicians' offices, then added, "But not by me."

June 5 Went to office for long morning then back here and trimmed the hedge of dead wood for about 3 hours. Horace and Emmy Stevens came a little before three – he was in uniform. They're in U.S.A. they played shuffle board and were thrilled with the "pine trees" Met Sexton at the Y.C. for 6.20 tee and we had a jolly dinner – planked shad. I should note that Edward Weeks (see Vol. II, p. 225, Oct. 15, 41.) has sent 2 beautiful photographs of the House – 1 of the South end of the house where the other of the whole establishment taken from the So. East near the garage. They are expert works of art.

June 6 Another gorgeous day – Sent Mrs. John Parke in to Hospital with ruptured membrane early this a.m. Woke early and listened to the birds and I counted the following Cock pheasant, Blue Bird, long spur, chipping sparrow, grackle, robin, meadow lark, Orchard oriole, Baltimore oriole, phoebe, flicker + swallow. Spent long morning at Hospital one new patient Mrs. Parke is starting on labor. Carol Ruth came over to see the pine trees and was thrilled. The Tolles Mrs. Compton and a graduate student from Amherst came over for fresh supper on the steps. We saw Venus near the crescent moon at least ½ hour before sunset – a marvelous sight. Went over to Hospital about 8.30 P.M.

June 7 Sexton and I started for Boston about 6 A.M.

June 15 Reached here in the early morning 2 A.M. to be exact! I spent a long tiring painful week in Boston! I had 6 upper teeth removed at 11 A.M. June 7 had impression taken on the 8th and a fitting on the 10th and the finished plate at 11.30 A.M. on June 14th. In the meantime I went through all my records destroying those I want to keep up to date – bringing up here for permanent storage all those I had not seen for 10 years and leaving for interpretation and for reference the current cases – there will be notice of my departure from Boston & that Fred Lynch has taken over. I planned to stay down until after the staff meeting on June 15 but a patient due in July began to bleed freely about 8 P.M. on the 14th so I left the Parkers block dinner and back to here. The baby was stillborn – why I don't know it might have been due to the anti partum hemorrhage but Bob Blythe and the nurses report that the foetal head was perfect as to size and put the fact remains that the baby was living & while the heart continued to beat nothing could induce air to enter the lungs. Got back here at 2 A.M. Went to office and to Hospital and did errands in Amherst & Northampton. Had a wonderful morning. This is the longest time I have been away from the Valley since Jan. 1940

July 16 Went to office early had a very busy morning – lunched with Tim and played golf in P.M. had a good day.

July 17 Went to office early. Had fractures at 10.30 all went well. Mrs. Robertson came down from Peterborough and I met her at Springfield Mrs. Compton & she came over to supper we had a mighty nice visit.

June 18 Went to office early & then to Hospital all going well. Played golf with Tim in P.M. & then took a lesson with Peter – I needed it & learnt a lot.

June 19 Went to office early, then errands – Mrs. Nash & Hahn etc. Then to the golf links at noon played 5 holes with Joe & Tim and I was good – 5 pars out of 26!! Parked the 1st hole also the second & lunched at the 6th & had a foursome with Tom Sullivan & Tim & Joe Amherst won but not due to me!! Enjoyed sleeping on at the 7th green. Had a nice supper here.

June 20 Spent a busy morning at Hospital then went to Amherst & right on to Boston. Found Ben well and happy.

Monday
May 31. 43

Dear Dr. Huntington:

On this subject of birds, singing — which seems to have become street talk between us (it would be curious, if they, themselves, should be aware. Stopping on us) — John Kieran and I have been exchanging views as to whether, for most people, birds are an auditory or a visual experience. For him, apparently, the experience is mostly visual; for me, I think it is mostly auditory. I think of 'bird' as 'sound'. From the centuries of English poetry, certainly, birds (reversing the admonition to Thomas!) are heard and not seen... And this notion bothered my mind into writing this sonnet:

Beyond These Airs

Listen along the centuries of verse,
The groves and fields that are that fortunate land,
And hear the linnet and the lark release
With nightingale and cuckoo — all that band
Singing from meadow, from the stirless tree,
From woods at evening, from the hedge in flower —
And tell me where, if anywhere, may be
A sweeter land in any summer hour....

Where mornings, all, are endless — or as long
As there is one to listen, and the noon
A drowsed eternity of sleepy song, —
And evening such a grave and gracious boon
That nightingales will never let it die
From the cool earth, from the tall, listening sky

In looking through English poetry, from the tradition, I was amazed to [illegible] how right I was about song as against sight. (A bolstering discovery for one who is so often wrong about things!) The first known poem in English, of course — that "Summer is icumen in" has, for its second line:

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From there on, through Chaucer (with his "smale foules makin melodye"), and

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your own memorized Shakespeare (who even has his owls saying "To-wit, to-w
though I think most of us think of owls in terms of image rather than sound
on seen through Milton, and Cowley's swallow ("foolish prater"), and Gray's
swallow ("twittering" — and his owl "complains") on through the 19th century where
Shelley's skylark is expressly "unseen, but yet I hear they shrill delight", and into
our own period, with Frieker's poem on a linnet in hell — where singing must
all my private homesick for earth! ... You'll be able to think of many more
I'll add one, by way of postscript, about the airs above our own corner
of Amity and Prospect, the other morning, when there was a great chorus
above the street, but nobody seemed to be listening; there was a

Street Circuit

Spilling out of the air,
Sudden and sweet,
Small bird notes, everywhere,
Serenade the street:
"Here's joy... here's joy to share,
"O man in the street,
"Here's joy, alive in air,
"And yours, and sweet"...

Everywhere,
Above the unlistening street.

But you and I, at all events, are not among the merely inattentive
I hate to want to write all this to a busy man. My tongue ran away
Yours
Wand

P.S. - I hope your golf was better than mine, yesterday. I haven't
played enough; this Navy boxing program has kept me too busy
in the ring every afternoon, six days a week

June 20 We dined at the Chilton Club. Ben has just graduated from the School of Tropical Medicine in Washington. He hopes to go to Florida

June 22 Y.T. talk to the Valley in early afternoon - did errands in Amherst last night. We had a very nice late dinner at the Tavern. Bill Phillips told us of his trip to India. Saw 25 patients in our office yesterday. Had a little dinner at the Tiddy's. Brought Jo and Tim and brought them back here to lunch then over to the golf links for a delightful afternoon. We had supper a la pienic very good times.

June 24 Saw patients all morning. Dart Morton came over to supper and we had a mighty pleasant time. Rogers came to see us this morning

June 25 Went to the office and saw many patients. It was too hot for golf - over 90. Tried to keep cool and then did some planting before supper. Sister telegraphed that she is coming up tomorrow.

June 26 Spent busy morning in the office. Spent nearly an hour meeting Sister as the time of her arrival was wrong and the bus was very late. Then went over to play golf and stayed on for supper had a very gay time!!

June 27 Spent a long busy morning at Hospital then went to golf club and had a really great time - tying for first in the Scotch foursome.

June 29 Went down to Boston bringing 2 patients of Dr. Bryner to the Richey Clinic Sent in one patient for castor oil etc very busy day came home early all O.K. left Boston around noon found all serene here.

June 30 Busy day in office. Played golf in P.M. Rogers came over for a long talk in the late evening

July 1st I had a baby at Hospital in mid morning after spending many hours at Hospital. Heard a bird which I think is a barn owl around the house last night or I was going to Hospital - reminded me of the birds at Howard Home at Soledad in Cuba.

July 2 Again heard the same nocturnal bird and went out at 5 A.M. and saw a large owl on a low branch of a maple in front of the house its flight was very characteristic its note is like a shrill angry night hawk amplified. Talked with Sally who cannot come up this week end

July 3 Today is my father's 99th birthday. Spent a busy day at office then picked up Tim & Jo Fallon and had a fine P.M. on the links. Tom Sullivan fell over taken suddenly ill and complicated matters. Stopped in to see Genevieve & Lefty Gordon late in evening - he has a very badly bruised knee.

July 4 Went to Hospital early and then picked up Virginia Burbridge and took her to the golf club stopping off to see T. Sullivan Jr. who is much better. Spent day at golf club and played bad golf but had a wonderful time. Genevieve won a golf ball and played a great game - and so did Tim. Had a wonderful evening.

Began to rain before 10 o'clock.

July 5 The welcome rain came with high wind and took coolness now at 9 A.M. went early to the mills for groceries and gas - drenching! It certainly is good to see it down for we were desperately in need of water. The golf course was dry & parched with sprinklers going in all over green.

July 6 went down to Boston to find Carol Foster in the Hospital with ruptured membrane (see VII p. 204). Saw two patients in office ready to go to Hospital - sent them in one baby was born at 7:20 that night then the second (Dr. Moffett's and Frank Lindsay's grandson) baby arrived at 7:30 July 7 and then Carol's son came in the early P.M. and I returned here late that evening bringing Uncle Richard and Peg McMahon & Tom home at 7:30

Golf Club News

June 27

In the tournament held for the junior members results were:

Bruce Bain, low gross with 46 for 9 holes, David Damon, low putts 16, Billy Worthly, tied gross 46, William Mahey, 45-47-92, low for 18 holes, Dwight Damon 54, Peter French 61.

In the Ladies Sweepstakes results were: Mrs. Peter Coyne won for the second time this year. Mrs. P. Coyne 5-25-23, Mrs. B. Damon 44-16-28, Miss E. Fish 44-17-27, Mrs. N. Blanchet 44-16-28, Mrs. H. Kimball 45-15-30, Mrs. S. Roche 60-30-30.

In the Saturday Sweepstakes for men, Pro-Member Al Spelman playing as a Pro played the course in 37-34-71 and won with two partners.

Al Spelman pro and D. Morton 59, Al Spelman pro and N. Gustafson 59, Al Spelman pro and N Damon 62, Al Spelman pro and W. Dunn 62, L. Parkinson pro and P Coyne 62, L. Parkinson pro and J. Allen 63.

In the Scotch Mixed Foursome held Sunday results: Dr. and Mrs. P. Coyne low net 24, Dr. Huntington and Mrs. E. Finn, low net 24, N. Damon and Miss E. Robinson, low net 24, A. Spelman and Mrs. B. Rogers, low gross 39, T. Finn and Mrs. H. Kimball, low putts 16. 15 couples played in this event although it was a very hot Sunday.

Mrs. Betty Damon was hostess for both Saturday and Sunday and everyone enjoyed a very nice luncheon and supper on both days.

July 8/43 Pt. started in late early this A.M. was able to keep office hours as usual. Toby came in mid-afternoon.

July 9/43 Sent my Mrs. Polly the patient in for her 3rd Toby late in afternoon and am going over to the Hospital for the night. Very hot day. Sally came up by bus.

July 10 My Toby came early this A.M. all went well. Office hours and Hospital as usual. Played golf in P.M.

July 11 Saw patients in Hospital as usual Sunday morning then went over & got off a match - played very poor golf but had a good time. Sally & I went down to Boston in late P.M. & picked up 2 women in Del Haven who were glad to see us. Found all well at Hospital.

July 12 Busy day with Executive meeting at Taconic - got back here late in evening

July 13 Went down to Boston very early in A.M. after a very hot night - made long visit at Hospital and then came back getting to Amherst at 12.42 P.M. did errands, and went to Hospital - all going well.

July 14 Office hours and golf - played with Jim Joy and Mrs. Childs. It was a hot and pretty day, but I played the best golf of this year - after a poor start. I parred number 2 and then proceeded to par no 4! I never expected to do this but I made two very long straight shots starting me from a round 150 yd. drive, will get the hill then another shot with my driver and I rolled within 12 feet of the cup and proceeded to hole out with a ring to spare! I fell down on a couple of holes but on spite of this I won 4 & 3 at the 8th and on the 9th green in 3 when a sharp thunder storm which had been hovering around us for over an hour came with a bang and we dashed for shelter. I found that Fred and Harriet were talks. After the storm was over Joe, Tim and Mrs Childs came over to call and see the house and after supper Fred and Genevieve came over and we played Canadian Solo under Kathleen H. Childs. After a pleasant day playing golf with Tim, Joe -- + Jim Huntington.

Fred Sievers Jr. & Jr. certainly is a change to see a quiet New England homestead after spending the past year in an army camp. Carol Sievers - It's like "coming home", especially after the South, to come over to this lovely place Uncle Jim.

The artist who took pictures of Patty when

From - Edward Weston
R1, Box 162,
Carmel, Calif.

"The First Ball of the season"

July 16 Mr. & Mrs. Frisin and Mrs. Coyne came over to see the house. At 5 P.M. played a match with A. Dunn in the handicap tournament I made a few good shots but won 2 holes 2 up.

July 17 Office hours after an early morning visit to the hospital where I went to the golf links for Flemish and played 18 holes - I beat Joe for best score 54 & Then I hurried back to get ready for the party - Joe Fallon supplied some wonderful steak & corn and we had a very good dinner and lots of fun - in the Sullivan Hall of them) Tim, Joe, Mrs Childs and Genevieve.

July 17th 43 Master Thomas Sullivan. God Bless Dr Huntington". He was so good to Mr when I was so sick.

" " Gen Keefe - me too!

" " Dr Huntington certainly did save my little Thomas cooperating alternately with Dr Joe Fallon. Bless both of them and my good things of life shower on them.

" " With best wishes to my good friend Mrs Della Sullivan for his health and happiness and may God bless Jim Huntington T.C. Leahy

July 18 Jim Huntington tonight gave further evidence of his greatness and artistry in the culinary department, perfect dinner with all the after effects under sublime control

Played 5 holes before lunch I won 1, Tom won 2 and the other 2 were pened! In the afternoon I played in a mixed Scotch foursome with Mrs Blanchette and when I say our score was 59 with 27 putts it tells the story - it was the most terrible putting I have ever been guilty of and in spite of my partners chivalry I have to admit that my partner was almost as bad as was I!! Our opponents Dr. & Mrs Post got a 54 with 14 (fourteen!!!) putts. The whole crowd came over for a stag dinner & fireworks and it went off superb. The most glorious steak I have ever had in my life and when some would have said it was over done - none did! It was not rare in the middle but a very deep pink and practically every bit was eaten. We really had a glorious time & I am waiting breathlessly to see how the pictures and the movies (colored) come out.

Pictures taken June 23 at the picnic supper we had at the Golf & Tennis Courts by the pictures that is why the only appear twice.

July 19 Saw patients and wrote letters in morning and at noon after a hurried lunch went down to Boston. Heard that Ben had gotten his orders for foreign service - July 30th. Went to Symphony Concert with Mr Davies. Fine evening.

July 20 Saw patients all the morning. Left me to Hartford for Center Rif and Gaby arrived at 7:20 P.M. (Bad Dog just got gradually all worse very ill and very rapidly on the hard pavement!) Came back to Rif for a bite of supper and then started up for the Valley at 9:40 P.M. Found the most wonderful electrical display I have ever seen with proudly me exceptions - Ben into very little heavy rain and practically no hail reached the Valley at 1:30 A.M. Found no electricity - finally found matches and a candle! Went to bed for headache

July 21 Busy morning in office until 11:30 Played golf with Ben in P.M. Beat him but it was close and very foursome!

July 21 (cont'd) Got a fine letter from Ben - he is in Tallahassee now but goes to New Orleans on the 30th! Talked with Sally who comes up on Friday.

July 22 Went to office early - no news! - Saw three more patients and did some telephoning. Went to Whipples for a Pathological Conference then saw a new patient - many visitors that is coming to me. A very hot muggy day after thunder showers during night and early morning - quite a lot of rain fell. The air is full of electricity and the waves on the radio makes receptions impossible. The barn roof and the thunder storm were responsible for my sleeping through the "black out" last night and for a very disturbed night. Last night was the first night that I heard 2 barn owls although Dorothy reported 2 some days ago. They really make the night hideous with their inhuman cries - screams would be a better word. Now at 5 P.M. thunder is pealing everywhere around and the rain has begun again - temp 72 degrees, a drop of 12 degrees in last ½ hour. 7 P.M. an hour of very heavy artillery! now practically over with a further drop in temp. to 66°. Somehow I don't feel sure that the storm is over, it is only light in the West, not clear and thunder is rolling around to the North + South very few minutes. Storm was all over shortly after 7 - talked with Sally who comes up tomorrow. Made absolutely certain of the identity of the barn owls - saw the two with flash + Dean in top of a dead limb walking the characteristic flight - perched up north of back light on a limb of the maple in front of the garage - Barn owl without the slightest doubt.

July 23 Had considerable rain fall during night - today is bright + clear very hot even + high humidity. Went to office early. Operations at the C.D. at 10 A.M. saw the patients with Hall + Whipple. All went well. Met Sally at the Bus 10:30 - the bus was very late. Very warm evening. Barn owls terrible all night!

July 24 Overcast in the early morning and from then on a perfectly beautiful Summer day. Went to office early and spent a busy morning until 11 then to Whipples where I discharged my patient, then to the golf links for a delightful afternoon 9 in + 9 out + beat Jet 4 + 3. Chilled Gin! My score was my average 55! Not + bad at all much better - mosquitoes really have kept beside from playing. Generous man in charge of lunch + supper + I acted as head steward!! Sue is on her way South + Sally hopes to leave Boston tomorrow!

July 25 Sally decided to go down by Bus this A.M. Raised net off in early morning. Wonderful news. Went to Whipples and saw nearly a dozen patients until noon. Then went to golf club very hot + sultry spent the afternoon there until 6 146 until 8 for very nice chicken supper all in excellent spirits. Saw some of pictures taken over here July 17 Some were very good indeed they all will be interpreted in the records eventually

July 26 Up early after the last nights sleep in a week. Off for Boston at 6:45 A.M. Back again after a very busy day. Saw patients at Whipples then in the office later Dr. Finland about many cases - apparently the world is worse than ever!! Reached the Valley at 6:45 P.M. Hot here seemed less today apparently, everything is very green. Heard + then saw the 2 owls come down from the woods to my bird in the late light.

July 27 Same first birthday. Clear hot Summer day temp 83 at noon - gentle breeze stirring. Had a golf lesson this A.M. + learned a lot about chipping - my worst stroke by far. Arranged about telephone directory. Mrs. Shaw's Registry is to be in call after Aug 1st, called on Scholtes before supper.

July 28 Spooned in night + quite muggy - air seems better today. At office early as usual. Got letter from Fine + Neustadt. Sally telephoned that Teddy Erney has completely lost his mind - tragic ending of what looked at one time like a brilliant career - awfully hard on Dorothy. Golf in the P.M. Dress rehearsal for Good Summer

July 29/43 Listened to F.D.R.'s talk last night - it was excellent. The National situation is still very foggy but things certainly look brighter. Began to rain before 7:30 & looked as if it might be a real rainy day. And it was! Really heavy rain most of the day & into the night. Sister & Stacy Jay left & Aunt Ruth for a week and came over and spent the afternoon here.

July 30 Clear & in the early morning. Went up & off to the other side & went to Hospital. Lunched with Tim & took him & Mrs. D. to the golf links played 18 holes first 9 very bad 60! Second nine I was in fairly good form penal the 2nd and got a 54. Sam Elliot came over & ate the hole got a good look at me, thinks it is a great horned but I don't. He thinks we just see & hear the young & that they have not begun to hoot yet - maybe. Holy Ghost sisters brought and the fine flowers for

July 31 Got a call to Boston at 1/4 m. Mrs. J. Greene and reached the Lamplighter Hospital at 7/4 m. at 6 I preached Jerome with a son David - he is 42 yrs. younger than his eldest brother - all went well. I reached Amherst at 9 45 in time to see all my patients. Had a light lunch then went to the golf links after a heavy downpour of rain without thunder & lightening. Played very badly but was driving & putting better than yesterday. Had a wonderful evening at the Sallorans - very remarkable moving pictures - especially those of Della swimming & those of little Tom!

Aug 1st Foggy morning went to Hosp. early then to golf links. Played very badly but it was quite hot. Mrs Bowles, the Tolles & others came over for a party & we had a very good time.

Aug 2 Up early and off to Boston taking George Elliot down from Amherst to the Babcock! Busy day in Boston but got back at 6:45 Sister came over - she goes back tomorrow. Continues very hot.

Aug. 3 Heard the owl after times during night. Got a note from Elliot & he says that those owls are young great horned - maybe so but they are awful small. He thinks me for not seeing the horns but when I saw the owl at very close range the head was perfectly round. Played golf with Tim, Virginia R. & her cousin. I got a 55 & fanned the air four times!! Tim got a 54 & V.R. a 58 but she won 3 holes Tim 2 & I only one. Very humid with thunder rolling constantly from 4 P.M. terrific electric storm broke shortly after 7 many very sharp peals evidently in the near vicinity - quite heavy rainfall but little relief from the heat.

Aug 4 Hot close night - above 70 all night very cool morning with very high humidity. Went to office early fairly busy day - then to golf links played 18 holes my score was 53 for the first 9 & 62 for the second I was really playing better golf. To bed early. Dr. Allen retires nothing for 24 hours.

Aug. 5 Went to office early & off to Vermont Dear Jack away day by promises telephones that she was leaving! She arrives at Hospital with an enormous cigar of Cuba & I went over & play golf. First 9 53 (with a 10 on 7 - my usual for 7 is 5 or 6 this 4 -) then I played another 9 holes - 5 holes with Mrs Dragon and four with O'Hara - and I broke 50!!! 44 for the 9 that gave me an 103 for the 18!!! Heard a Bob White on the golf links today.

Aug 6 Called back to Hospital shortly after 3 this a.m. - rather foggy, owl screeching in close neighborhood - and my baby came shortly after 9 a.m. had very early lunch at 7 this and played golf from noon on - very badly 63 for first nine then 49 for 1, 2, 3, 8 & 9 beating Tim by 1 stroke and 2 holes!! Beautiful cool clear Summer night.

Aug 7 Went to office early - foggy very day - no new patient. Thunder & Hospital and came back for lunch. Retired after dinner & the rain and took them to Golf Links. Played a foursome with Tim, Hath & Joe. Joe & I - but my score was terrible. Back home for a nice supper.

Aug. 8 1943 Went to Hospital early – 2 A.M. and presented Lewis Brown with a son at a little after 6 A.M. came home for breakfast & then spent the morning at Hospital – saw several patients. Then went to the golf links for lunch – played a "rest game" Tim Joe, Grenville, Kath, Della & myself Joe won beating Jeff by all the other seven were beaten!!! his suffer here & Hadley after

Aug 9 Went down to Boston this A.M. back tonight – Sara is back from New Orleans but Sally is still at B.T. Annex – saw many patients in Hospital, at my office & at home. Went to Lotter Bldg & made plans for night Wesley. Got back here at 7 P.M. Quite cold on my arrival.

Aug 10 Went to Amherst early saw a few patients then to the Hospital all going well – saw several patients in the Clinic, had a flat tire on my Buick. Did a lot of reading 'Marcia Albert' by Vicki Baum.

Aug 11 Busy morning then golf. Didn't do v well. Jeff a 62!!

Aug 12 Went to Office early saw several patients – Sent in one pt for C.O.D. Then went to a picnic lunch at the golf links – Tims formerly were all there. Tim got a 52 Mrs Dwight a 62 and Jeff a 61 – pretty poor. Went to Hospital at 10 P.M.

Aug 13 Awoke with thunder & lightening during late morning and night my baby came with amazing speed at 2 A.M. all went well. Met a family boy at the office and my way back over the hill at the little pool just beyond the Hadley line I watched for several minutes a great blue heron [illegible] the pool and moving as slowly – as a slow motion movie!! Just after seeing this heron I saw a brown tail in front of me I thought it a female pheasant but as I drew near, I had to stop short to avoid hitting a kitten standing in the middle of the road – tiger – with its back standing straight up in the air. When I stopped the cat flew away to the marsh land near where the heron was standing.

Aug 14 Called to Cambridge Hospital at 3 A.M. had a bad time in Worcester getting gas but with the aid of the police I succeeded finally – in spite of delay reached Hospital shortly after 6 and at 10 A.M. I presented Jimmy Otis with his daughter – all went well Got tickets Amherst at 2.25 and made a long visit at the Hospital. Nice dinner Sidneys & Eunice and Mommy & Wenning to bed very early

Aug 15 Good night patient called around midnight but she did not go to hospital until 4 and was doing so little & did not have to go when called after breakfast I spent the whole morning at Hospital – my patient not in labor & sent her home last night. Played golf and lunched and supped at the golf club. Played nine holes with Tim, Joe and K. Childs I got a 54 and so did Joe! Later I played 1, 2, 3, 8 & 9 with Della we halved the holes – I a 29 & she 30 – we were playing a dime a hole!! Really a most enjoyable day but we all missed (and remembered upon) Gen!!! Sally telephoned that Kate Jackson's only boy (the other was killed) was killed in an airplane accident in So. America – poor Katherine!!!

Aug 16 Cool night – heard the owls again. Rose at 5.42 the thermometer is just 60 and the full moon is setting in an azure sky and I am off for Boston. Back at 7 P.M. after a very busy day – found all quiet on my arrival here. Tonight is the Mid Summer Dinner at the Towers but with two cases over due up here I could take no chances. Sally just telephoned at 12 that Johnnie Lacy and she had talked with him & he will be in Boston tomorrow night!!

Aug 17 Beautiful day with a touch of Fall in the air. Went to Hospital early – patient of last Sunday again brought the way in labor and kept in Wednesday sent her home after examination. Saw patient until 11 – one new one. Went to Golf links and played with Genevieve and beat her one stroke Thelma Dunbar & I my Normally played Mr & Mrs. Lunched at club Watkins Supper here. Genevieve motored down

Aug. 17 John telephoned from Boston – he has things to do in Boston & will not be up tomorrow – he sounded very fit. Was called to Hospital

Aug. 18 at 3 a.m. last Sunday as patient really seemed to be starting. but she was not sticks around until 6 but got some sleep. I don't like this talking & fitting."

Aug 19 My baby came late on afternoon had a fairly hard time about four hours later she had a rather sticks haemorrage got home at 10 P.M. This morning the report was very good and I thinks all should go well. Cool morning 52° only rather foggy. Went to Hospital early then to office and saw a few patients, tried on my new coat – thinks it is going to be a success. Went to golf links & had a lesson on chipping from Pitts learned a lot. Tim came over with his daughter – is home again from 3 months – a real golfer – we played nine holes. I thought my newest shave was came out when eating lunch and after lunch she & I played Tim & "his girl" 5 cents a point – we lost 35 cents! but we had a grand time. Went to supper at the Taverns – Dave Morton, Charlotte & King & myself – we had a mighty pleasant evening but I am afraid I rather monopolized the conversation & of course Dave should have done that! When I got home I found that a patient with a 3 weeks of twins was vomiting & unhappy – the stork had failed to locate me in spite of instructions! Sent her to Hospital & Bot is giving her due intravenous now.

Aug. 20 Went to Hospital early after 7 found my vomiting patient doing very well but fairly loaded with dextrose. Sent my patient home all the others doing well. Went to golf links at 10:30 played 5 holes and then

expenses in my last this Hospital!!! played Mag Glen S. Miller who telephoned earlier. He came over to see the house

Sherman Hills. and then I lunched with him at the 2nd Jeff and after taking me back to the golf links he went in to Tyngsboro for an afternoon contest. We had a really good time together. In the P.M. played 11 holes more and lost 30 cents!! Made a hole. I lost a ball rather a bad day in this respect.

Aug. 21 Cool foggy morning 52°. Got through office hours about 11:30 and went to golf links – played 9 holes before lunch & got a 55 played 5 holes after a late lunch then made my visit at the Hospital had a nice shower this evening.

Aug 22 Made early & long visit at Hospital but could not read my patient in – went to golf links from Hospital, played 11 holes made several good shots but had 2 bad holes – got nicely on 5th green in 2! got a 56 for the 9 holes then played 2 holes with "Twins girl" a nobbler a hole & halved both!! Had a grand supper with a big crowd for Amherst entertained both Hamptons and Mary handsomely – corn, potatoes, roast beef & gravy!! Called up Sally at B. Farms – John is with the Yanks long at Camp Meade. I am off for Boston early tomorrow morning,

Aug 23 Went down to Boston with my patient was good! Gave Patty this her marching orders. John looks very well – a light brown mustache & but nervous but really very personable. He has no definite plans. Saw several patients and got back to Amherst in time for a cocktail party at the Hedges Mansion – a party for Dave Morton & myself!! We had a very jolly time. Found my patient at the hospital doing well. Made plans for tomorrow and Wednesday. The Tibbits & Parks

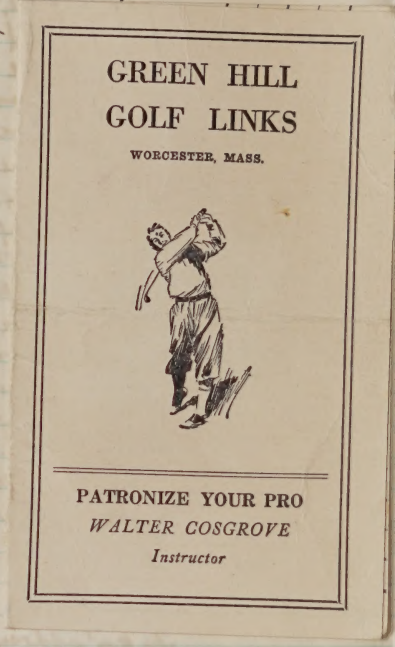
Aug 24 came over for a swim late in the morning had a very jolly 'wet' party!!! Took Mrs. K. up to the children home – had wonderful day off call in spite of untoward heat.

Aug. 25 Off night went to Worcester with Tim – played the Green Hill course got a 82 which was fair – very crowded course really but the most congenial crowd I have ever played. Filled with Beer when we got arrived home – will see him on Sunday. Just 78° at 9 P.M.

Aug 26 Paul's 61 birthday, picked some beans & tomatoes and left them with greetings for the day as I went over the hill top. Office hours until 11:30

Aug 26/43 (cont) Came home by way of Miss Parks – eggs, then stopped at 'Dis Mills' for bread, ginger ale etc & got there picked up cream at home. After lunch I went to the Hospital Mrs. Haley O.K. stopped at Highland Mkt. and at the relations. Played golf with Pius & the Davidsons etc had a fully good time but only got a 54 but made a few very good shots – got into a lot of unnecessary trouble. Found the Chemist bleed & the walks cold when I got home – called up Lee & he came right over and all seems O.K. (now 8:45 P.M.) Talked with Sally, Ben seems finely.

Aug 27 Water cool this morning & Chemist dead. Called up Lee & he will bring electrician this A.M. Went to Amherst and saw one patient. Went to Hospital and did errands. Played golf. Good supper & bed early.



Aug 28 Busy office hours – all well at Hospital. Lunched at club. Played match for the G. Rice cup with Morse (his handicap is 26) we were even at 9 holes his score 56 & mine 59. Had good dinner here, Kidneys!

Aug 29 Pt. called several times that she was starting east however but did not have to go was invited after breakfast. Saw patients all morning and my baby came around 1 P.M. came home for late lunch. Went over to Amherst and brought the Hargreaves and Elliots over to the house went over to the Drakes for cocktails with David. Roger came over just before supper after supper I went over to Hospital and had a baby just before 12 M. Monday.

Aug. 30 Went to Bartlett at 6 A.M. got to the house about 9 found both boys there and Beth in to collect from new patients all morning. Dominics was thrilled to see Ben almost waggle his tail off and really seemed to talk to him. We went to the Old Deerfield Club for a very good and very jolly lunch. Stanley rode to Hadley at 3 P.M. Mrs. Bartlett called shortly after I reached home – she will probably go to Hospital tonight.

Aug 31 Sent Mrs. Bartlett on just after midnight – went over and did a D & C. Clearly a blighted ovum. All went well. Saw patients at office then went to Hospital – all O.K. Went to Highland Market and got supplies for weekend. After lunch went to golf club and played my match with St. Marie again we came out even in bogey but I got him one point as score 52 to his 53 I never played much better. We thought we could play off the hole we tied on if one of us won a hole or we played it out and he got me on I got into the trap and over the top. When I came out. Then we played the 9th and I got a 4 (this was just for fun) – When we got to the club house we found that three wives did not count so we have to play 9 more. Make game back with me to see the house and we had a very good time. Ben left late last night for New Orleans & Washington Hospital. Sally telephoned. When I came out of Hospital early this A.M. I saw the most marvelous Northern lights I have ever seen – brilliant green bands stretching from East to West and flashing up to the zenith occasionally a faint flush of pink would appear. Set my clock at 4

Sept. 1 at office early – saw a few patients then went to Hospital all going well dashed at home then picked up David and played golf with Hargreaves and Elliot, Fred Sawyer joined us for 9 Henry got a 40, I scored a 42 David 47 Elliot 5 over & got a 52 – but I was really pretty close that. We started around 9 but I got called to the Hospital a clinic case (I did not know I was on service) proved to be Mrs. Lewis Hamilton and she had her second boy – all went well and I got home in time for late supper

Sept. 2/43 Office hours this morning. Rec'd a letter in early a.m. and boy then very busy with [illegible] dressing. Picked a bushel of lovely tomatoes and string beans for tonight. Sally left around that time and Elsie would be up later. P.M. Silent May. Scott / Hawley in at 11 a.m. for castor oil and enemas. Made boy visit at Hospital then picked up Sally & Elsie at 1 – 1/2 hour late. Met Mr Butler & had a nice talk with him. Picked up corn on the way back – not a basket full we only got 1 doz. ears on account of the corn borer – very bad this year. Had delicious Kentucky wonders and tomatoes from the garden. Now I am off to the Hospital for the night.

Sept 3 Mrs. Scott / Hawley had a 7 lb. 6 oz girl at 5:30 this morning all went well they have been waiting four years for this! 11/2 yrs with doctors in Spring field and the remainder under my care & operations and a miscarriage! The babe is a healthy little specimen and all seems well. Dark morning looks like rain

Sept. 4 Very busy office hours. Went up to the Golf links and played some 9 holes could not seem to get them off the ground but had a really good time with the crowd. Sisters arrived at Foley about an hour after I arrived at home. Played 9 in evening I won.

Sept 5 Called several times during the night – went to the Hospital for a clinic case about 3:30 had a 5 – ill appointments. Male child. Went over to Hospital for a family boy morning – one new patient. Picked nearly a bushel of tomatoes and Sally made 5 more quarts of juice. The Nichols from Deerfield arrived en route from Manchester with their 2 beautiful (adopted) babies and later the Smiths (patients of P. Winona that I have been taking care of for the Summer) came to see the babes. Played 7 1/2 & again I won the dinner by a narrow margin.

Sept 6 Went to golf links after Hospital – had hot dogs for lunch and very good they were played 18 holes. After supper I was too weary for cards.

Sept 7 Called to Hospital about 3:30 a.m. knew I couldn't go to Boston just came home after seeing my patient – a primipara and cored head fast and packed the bleeder. Began for Boston – Sally drove the 2 girls down at 6 a.m. Spent better part of day at Hospital but patient made very slow progress. Went for short visit to Amherst & Smiths here come back for a visit – Fred is on his way!

Sept. 8 My baby arrived about 1:20 a.m. Notes waiting for me & all went well. Got some sleep. Saw patients better part of morning and then played golf. The Sullivans picked me up about 6:45 and I went over to Kath's Cabin camp where we had a wonderful supper & movies and dancing afterwards but I was too [illegible] with lack of sleep and alcohol!

Sept. 9 at office early and family busy morning. One patient came in ? if true in labor – she was to rest here to Hospital and went over to Hospital about 10:30 baby arrived in mid afternoon came over to Amherst to see the wonderful 5 P.M. parade on the 'Green' later had a lovely supper & music afterwards

Sept 10 Aunt Ruth has symptoms that require examination, plan to see her tomorrow. Played golf with John Park & Tim & they in 9 A.M. with Aunt & Fred Sr. and still later with Joe, Kath & Fred. Played 27 holes in all. Was very poor on my first 9 good on my second and very good on my third round for the first 6 holes then I went haywire but I got a 10 for 18 which is almost a record for me.

Sept. 11 Called to Hospital at 2 a.m. a clinic case 5th baby so glad to get it & stay! Pt. was the wife of the Bus driver for Mrs. Stone. Certainly made me angry. But no retinal flutters from Miss Beigl. Baby finally arrived at 11:00 a.m. perfectly normal. Went to office and saw Aunt Ruth – she has a cervical polyp & I am operating next Tuesday a.m. Sally & Dot arrived mid afternoon with the usual crowd. Breakfast Fall day – quite cool Played 7 1/2 in evening. To bed early.

Sept. 12 Called to Hospital about 5 a.m. Striking patient doing very little comes home to breakfast – then back to Hospital. Busy morning. My boy arrived

Sept 12/13 cont shortly after noon - came home to lunch cleaned up and played very rotten golf with Tim, Jos & Katts - I made about 3 good shots - 62!! Mrs Levy and a friend came out to see the house at 5ish Sal & D did made Tomato juice all afternoon. We had a very good dinner and I'z again in the evening - Sally home, rather close however.

Sept 13 Dorothy W. Emery - expiring at 6 A.M.! Back from Boston about after a very busy day - got to the Valley a bit before seven. Called up hospital & found that Aunt Ruth was quite ready for operation tomorrow she has a small cervical polyp which I am going to do.

Sept 14 Went to office and did dressings - paid telephone bill etc!! saw no patient in ambulance - went to Hospital removed a small very friable polyp with practically no bleeding from Aunt Ruth's cervix. Other patients doing well. Played golf with Tim he got me 2 strokes 54-56 and me home!! But I had a good time. Saw Fred Sawyer & Carl. Invited the Butlers for Thursday!

Sept 15 Had a clinic baby which interfered with office hours and golf but played in afternoon late. Aunt Ruth all well gone home today.

Sept 16 Office hours this morning and then Hospital. Hot muggy day so did not play golf but got ready for the Butlers. Mrs B & her daughter in law arrived about 5 and we went all over the house, then we had a very good dinner and after dinner I read letters and documents until nearly two o'clock. Sally telephoned - Alice not coming up this week end but Sue apparently needed her to help take care of Samuel.

Sept 17 Went to office early new patients then went to Hospital all going well. Played golf in P.M.

Sept 18 Went to office then to Demmers to Dr. Redden again. Went to Hospital getting home for lunch at 12 was immediately called back to Hospital for a clinic case! Had to call off my golf match with Morse. Eat went to the links about 4 but had a good nine holes my left ankle began to pain me terribly & quite finished thinks I must have strained it.

Sept 19 Left ankle pained frightfully during night and I got in a bad way! Had scalp scrapings & Orders. Very tense this A.M. but can hobble about. Home at noon after Hospital my ankle though stiff and swollen felt better and I thinks I shall golf this P.M. Had good supper ankle feels quite all right just a little stiff - played 7 holes of golf and did very well. After Boston in A.M.

Sept 20 Discovered when I went to bed last night that what ailed my ankle was a spider bite - probably a black widow and now I am so nearly immune that I had very little constitutional reaction - I remember now feeling quite feverish last night and a few 'antiseptics' & strongs!! Constants birthday off for Boston at 6 A.M. feeling fine.

Sept 21 Long busy office hours - went to Tavern at 5 P.M. after spending half an hour with Samuel Porter - he looks very well but is under weight and tattles than average. Had a grand time at the Tavern, I told my bulletin board for the men in uniform - it was well received. Eat talk to Amherst before 1 P.M. Spent afternoon at home getting things packed. Picked a lot of tomatoes. Had a fine supper and to bed early. Sent the Cactus plants to Mrs Butler. Horace & Emmy Stevens dropped in for a few minutes en route from Pittsfield to Cambridge.

Sept 22 Dark overcast morning with a fine mist that looked well into the day. Went to office early saw several patients & question of being ready to start in but they were not! Went to meeting of Officials & staff at Hospital to discuss how best to handle those cases engaged by the State - Dr. A

Sept 22/43 Complicated situation and we decided that we could do nothing at present & Curtis we had no orders from Bates. Came home for lunch then went early to the Golf Links and played Rose to finish our match. He won but he the 9th green by one stroke!! We had a grand time!!!

Sept 23 Dark morning but cleared off into a glorious Autumn day temp in low 70's Went to office early and after being served patients went over to the Hospital for a fairly busy morning. After an early lunch played golf - got a 55 and parred the 8th again. Sally telephoned that she is coming up tomorrow.

Sept 24 Dark morning but very soon cleared off went to office and saw a couple of patients then I went to the golf links played in the morning match Tim Travis and in the afternoon with Tim Travis and Fred Swan - I was lucky only going 58 in A.M. & 62 in P.M. but I won several holes and I parred a couple of holes but I went to pieces on the 3 with 10's + 11's!!! But we had an awfully good time. Met Sally in Northampton at 4:15 - Spaghetti dinner for supper!!!

Sept 25 Clear morning. Temp 40 at 6:30 Went to office early saw patients until 11 A.M. then went to Hospital after rounds. Went to the Fresh Waterbury for waffles after lunch and then read some more in "Mercy in Hell" I have gotten to where Johnny retort joins up. Finished this book in P.M. - on the whole it is very good as a description of the life and accomplishments of the A.F.S.

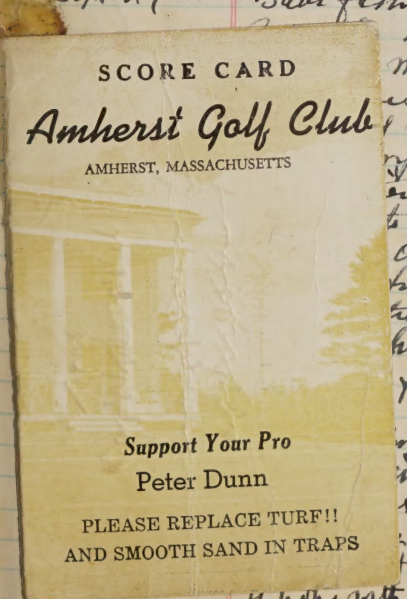
Edna W. Dreyfus. } Came over to see my house the day after
Carl Dreyfus } their wedding. She is the third bride to sign herself first in my house! I showed them all over the house and we had cocktails. I think they enjoyed themselves and they certainly appreciated the house and its contents.

Sept 26 Cold night, our first frost - but nothing killed. Went to the "mills" for the paper and fed the pig, then spent a very busy morning at the hospital - got back just in time for lunch. After lunch went to Golf Links I played a foursome with Tim & the two Davidsons - I got a 54 then takes the two Davidsons and I played another 9 and I got a 51 (counting 13 for the last two holes!!) almost my best 18 holes. I parred the 6 holes (3) for the first time. Rogers down to Boston in the early morning but I came back at P.M.

Sept 27 Back from Boston at 6 P.M. - it's a long ride in the beach wagon! [illegible] while I was gone. Had a busy day in the office and a [illegible] miscounted in the early afternoon. Just after supper [illegible] patient due in October (Gals) called & reported [illegible] membrane. She is leaving Paris now and I am off [illegible] completed at 8:30!

[illegible] went delivered at 4:30 A.M. - premiparous breech [illegible] to after coming head but all went well - baby 5 lbs 9 oz. [illegible] O.K. Went to office saw a few patients then back to the [illegible] for a fairly busy morning in the Clinic - took over [illegible] recent year doctor and others. After lunch went over to the [illegible] played with Tim, Ray Kennedy & Muir. I got a [illegible] first nine and 41 in the second! (this included a 9 [illegible] this is my best score for 18 holes by 6 strokes. Had [illegible] over - going over to Amherst my car behaved very badly [illegible] into 1st to make Amity St. Hill & just made it!!! [illegible] early in each wagon. Called up the garage and they took [illegible] and fixed it very promptly. Saw patients in office & then [illegible] completed. Back here for lunch then went to golf links. Played [illegible] with Della Sullivan, H. Childs, D. Bryant & Jot Fallon. Dot [illegible] Jot & I all got 54's! Very good fun. I was off on my putting but I am driving too far now for the short holes. Very good supper - I made gravy for the children and it came out well.

Sept 30 Went to office early. Knox man came over and took pictures of the living room, the Dining Room, the Front Room and the stairs



Sept 30/43 (cont) Oct 1 Made visit at Hosp. in P.M. Then picked up Sally at the Bus. Jane Hackett ? came over for cook books.
Rained off & on during night and misted a bit this morning. Saw patients at office - fixed up applications for Nelson A transfer. Fed the pigs and took up outlook. John Daffy brought truck down and we pretty well cleaned out the sheds. Lectured to the nurses - first lecture - and got the pumpkins for the Tavern and potatoes, apples & mixes for the Wentes. Sherman Miles telegraphed he could not come. It had we had a nice dinner evening.

Oct 2nd Went to office early - it rained all night and continued until way into the morning. Patient came in early to be weighed and then they started coming very fifteen minutes - two new patients. Came home before noon by way of Miss Rockefeller eggs & chickens - filled up with gas at the Mills. After lunch I went to Hospital and dropped in to see Tim - he was sick in bed and round as ever but he looked badly I am worried but not alarmed. The storm seems completely over and I am hoping for a good day and good golf tomorrow. We dine with the Dryfoos at the Land Jeff Chights. Have been reading Tom Sawyer and passages fill me with nostalgia!!

Went over to the Land Jeffrey to a very delightful dinner with the Dryfoos we had a thoroughly enjoyable time and really got very intimate.

Oct 3 Cooler - overcast but no precipitation. Went to store for paper early then to Hospital for a long morning. Called on Tim found him up and about & looking well but with a bad cough. Sally went to the first Church of Christ in Bradley with Mr. & Mrs. Dryfoos 67 were in attendance to 8 at 3.10! After lunch went to the golf links for a match with Ed. very close & came in the 4th green 58 - 64 !!! Played dominoes in evening very close Sally won 2 out of three but only by 15!
Off for Boston at 8 a.m. Was called to the Hospital about 8.30 P.M.

Oct 4 My baby came about 2 a.m. - with usual typical aftermath & got along fine ~~Night~~ and left for Boston at 6 a.m. Had a pretty busy day in Boston and got back to Amherst at 4.49. went to Johnsons and found the proofs excellent, found all calm - had cocktails with Doheny & Jane and went to bed early.

Oct 5 Went to office early and had a very light morning only one patient! Tom Sullivan had a fire in his office in Yuba of which he was able to see me and relieve a place in my plate that was causing some pressure. Went to Hospital and then played golf with Tim and Tom Muir 54 and 58. Had to go to Belchertown - the Foleys were gorgeous - had a good supper.

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Sorry can not be with you tonight.

Sherman Miles

Providence, R. I.

Oct. 6 Fairly busy day in office then went to Hospital, all going well. Picked up Tim and went to golf links - played with Mary Darlington & Mrs. Fagan - it was a gorgeous day. Missed an appointment for golf which I should have kept. Heard from John - he is a reporter on the Herald Tribune in New York - works from 4 p.m. a week - doesn't know when he can come up here! Celebrate 21 Occasion!

Oct. 7 Another glorious day! Went to office early then to Kenmares where I got nothing taken the pictures were not done - shall come back tomorrow. Saw some 3 patients then went over to Hospital where I found all going well sent home one patient. Had 9 in at golf links at 11 o'c and we played 18 holes 121 apiece!! I was beaten in the morning & beat the afternoon I actually won by 2 holes - but I hardly got one decent shot all day! But it was a perfectly glorious Autumn day and we had a really good time. Got back at time to make a start for supper before the Coasts and Jay Kennedy came & ate the house. They were very delightful and seemed really very intelligently impressed with the house - they were here over an hour and a half. Sherman Hicks arrived just after & I had supper almost ready for him. When he arrived - we had a really good dinner and he insisted on washing the dishes with me. Then I had him comfortably down to the piano, uncle Charles crept to his room and then I read from his diary and also his famous letter to Grandfather after he started to Europe - he was most interested. I showed him the diamond ring & the Empress Josephine's comb and then we talked and talked and found all the people we knew in common and had a perfectly good time. The Colonel is one of the finest fellows I have ever known and we have so much in common that we really don't have to talk even to enjoy each other completely We turned in long after midnight!! Sally telephoned today 8 Oct. 43.

Oct 8th I let Sherman Hicks and comrade ship within — so we walked four into the night, a rare and delightful interlude in a war we never mentioned. Sherman Hicks.

Reached the office just before nine - Went to Kenmares and got the pictures - they are excellent Had meet them to Constant Ben & Joy. Met Dave Morton & got him a set — he wanted them. One new patient! Came home and did chores and got ready my lectures to the nurses. Went to Hospital saw my patient all well there gave my lectures and went to Chy Ward to bed. Sally telephoned this morning She is not coming up at all this week-end - Baffy Swan dog is sick!!

Oct 9.43 Went to office early sent 1 trimmers patients of the Lorene (or rather preceding Jaggs) to Ben & John. Saw patients until 11 after which did errands in Amherst & Hadley and lunched at home – picked up the Dandrows and E. K. en route to golf links and found Tim waiting for me – was poor – really very poor but principally due to a 14 on the first hole – and that it!!! It was a glorious day – finished off with a hilary supper – Mrs. Gould by telephone!! To bed at 10

Oct 10 called at 3.30 and went to Hospital patient apparently just resting but did nothing or I came home to breakfast. Did errands in Hadley & Amherst at Hospital at 9. Busy morning at 11.30 my patient still doing nothing came home to lunch and golf links P.M. It was a glorious day – cold again today – in some places there is snow at peaks without a question although many leaves have fallen. Went back to Hospital at 4 P.M. and my baby arrived – a big girl – just before 5 P.M. came home fed Dominies and got a snack for myself and started soup for tomorrow. Played golf with generous 18 holes again today – 69 + 61 – both of us were decidedly off but it was close enough to be very good fun and on each got in some excellent shots.

Oct. 11 Another delightfully gorgeous autumn day. Jack told this A.M. 26° here and much colder in the hills. Saw one patient in office & then went to Hospital and found all well there. Picked up Tim and spent the day on the links – I broke 100 for 9 holes before lunch & I won by one hole & he by 2 strokes!! After lunch Jay & I played Gould (?) & Tim 99 off 94 in spite of a 10 on number 1!! Left Amherst shortly after 5 P.M. had a delicious chicken supper & evening wonderful moonlight night!! Sally telephoned that she had heard from Dick King that Ben was in New Caledonia & well – sounds mighty encouraging and on things go fairly safe!

Oct. 12 Doc & Teddy were married 33 years ago today – now poor Ted is "non-compos" and in the Veterans Hospital at Rutland – what a tragic life he has had! Last night 31° this A.M. very foggy at 8 A.M. Went to Hospital about 10.30 then picked up Tim and went to the golf links played 18 holes 111. Wonderful day – very mild with a haze on the mountains and gorgeous colors – beautiful full moon tonight.

Oct. 13 Warmer, went to office early saw three patients due or overdue but could send none in! After Hospital lunched with Tim and then we went to the golf links. Tim and I played 9 holes 56 & my 50! I parred 2 and 8 and got a 6 on the fourth! Then Joe & Kath arrived and we played 6 more holes – very mild, really warm – Joe was in fine form but the leaves were so thick on the course that hunting for every ball got pretty tiresome and we all were really to quit – the greens are in perfect condition better than they have been all Summer. Sally telephoned that John is in Boston and coming up here Friday also that there seems a chance of selling 311 on a decent price – permitting up to this limit of the note which now stands at $7,200 (which means that I have paid off besides interest nearly $9,000 since 1935) – John is in Boston for some other reason than the Andrews dinner tomorrow night – what it is I must wait to hear.

Oct. 14 A new patient trying to miscarry (or rather not to) called up late in evening and I sent her to Hospital nothing happening – I saw her at 10.30 this A.M. and think she has a chance, but not a very big one, of going through. Dark & foggy morning after a mild night temp 62 at 9 A.M. & 70 Went to office early as usual saw a couple of patients then went to Hospital. Sun came out about noon but it has been pretty much overcast all day. Temp at 3 P.M. 74. Tank heater clock to be fixed – it stopped yesterday & would not go. Wrote letters in afternoon two patients are on the verge of starting and this patient may miscarry yet & hope to go to the dinner at Tims tonight – the golf cord.

Oct. 15/43 Had a delicious dinner at Tims last night and delightful morning pictures afterwards — very warm night temperature at 6 A.M. 62°! Went to office early. Did errands in Amherst. Saw several patients and then went to Northampton again for errands — had a long & very satisfactory talk with Pres. Butler of the Board of Trustees of the G.D. Hospital & feel that I can depend upon him if it comes to a showdown about my leaving. Invited 'guests' to see my pictures on the 22nd! Found in the mail that John has sent all his stuff from New York up here!! Do not understand it! Has been very cold and very warm but no precipitation as yet. Lectured to the nurses at 3 P.M. this week John & Sally up for two. John is through with his job in New York and is up here apparently indefinitely waiting something turns up! Will talk this over with Esther or Norman N. Cars. Rained very gently all the late afternoon.

Oct. 16 Called to Hospital early in A.M. patient apparently just starting in labor, first baby. Went to office and came home to lunch then went back to Hospital and found really little progress — ruptured the membranes. Has varied & mingled all day long — really not long at 6 P.M. 72 Had a double yolked egg for breakfast (I thought it was going to be) & nearly at 4 found a triple yolk! Refused it & sent back and she said it was the first one from her hens in over 2 years!

Oct 17 Was called to Hospital in an old patient, having her second baby due in 2 weeks, at 8:15 P.M. Went at once and my baby arrived shortly after mid. Spent the night at the Hospital as my other patient was making definite progress — that baby arrived about 1 A.M. A prompt one from Amherst telephoned at 6:30 A.M. she came in and her baby arrived at 12:30 P.M. today. — these babies in some 15 hours is just about a record for me up here! The muggy, misty, weather continued until towards morning when it cleared off quite cold — temp. at 2 P.M. 60° & semi-sun. Came back in time for fairly late lunch. Took a long nap and then went over to Amherst and to the golf links. Tim was just finishing 9 holes and we had a short chat — Joe & Hatch were there the former rather cool. Played dominoes in evening.

Oct 18 Went to Amherst early — went on a patient at 10 A.M. — she thinks she is in labor but I have my doubts. No patients this A.M. did errands & paid my telephone bill. Then went over to Hospital taking with me my pictures of the trees. They made quite a hit with all I showed them to. My patient did nothing — one real pain of labor. Finally went to Amherst saw my patient who had threatened heart and decided that she is all right. Made another visit to Hospital and came home to dinner — feel all right about going down in morning. Had baby at Hospital late in evening 2 nurses in labor.

Oct 19 Went to Boston at 6 A.M. — did errands & guests at Hospital. Held staff meeting at Cambridge after long & busy morning in office. Left shortly for Valley arriving at G.D. in time to preside at staff meeting — Joe (the President of the staff who asked me to preside the case was not there — I wonder why?!?!) Found all well at Hospital — nice letters from Amherst and from Esther. To bed early!!!

Oct 20 No calls during night! Went to office early. Cold morning — below 40° — rained cold with intermittent showers. Was busy entire morning. Stopped for eggs at Mrs Hall's — after lunch went to Hospital by way of Amherst — had a nice long talk with David — Lee and goes to see Johns. Had a grand supper here — Carol & left Mrs!

Oct. 21 My obstetrician for tomorrow telephoned me early that she had had a lot of pain during night and had pains & marked tenderness in lower abdomen — I sent her right in but went over to Amherst for office hours in the meantime. Emergency Hospital case in early with symptoms of this "One day grippe" Vaginal douche and Salicylates. Temp & pulse normal — sent her home to bed. Went over to Hospital

Oct 21/43 around 11 found Mrs. Goldberg throwing all symptoms of impending uterine rupture & went ahead at once — found a tear reaching very slightly about 1/2 inch long with placenta & tissues showing through — all went well although she lost more blood than I like. Pulse & B.P. remained excellent! My lady with twins due Dec. 6 is in hospital again — latterly vomiting due to distension and obstipation — nausea & pain!! No sign of dilatation. Cold clear autumn day — leaves are falling very fast.

Oct 22 Went to Hospital early — then to office and visits in Amherst — all going well. After lunch here & went to Hospital and lectured & nurses. My Cesarean of yesterday is really doing very well. Met Sally & John at Bus station. Johnny seems to have arrived for keeps! I hope it is for the best.

Oct 23 John and I left for Amherst around 7.50. Had a busy morning at the office. One new patient — then went to Hospital found my twin patient latterly inclined to test no signs of labor — felt I had to attend her — membranes found & fully dilated — with absolutely no uterine contractions! Delivered her of apparently identical twins at 11½ & 4.15 — shortly after 1 P.M. Met Sallie at the bus — got a good letter from Esther Raggles. Sallie brought a beautiful little cap designed and made by our great, great, great grandmother Catharine Osborne also a very charming little letter written by Mamma to her father in 1868.

Oct 24 Went to Miss Nash's for eggs & chicken and to the mill for the paper & cigars. Fed the pigs. Went to Hospital & saw patients all morning. Discharged last case — one question of being ready to start in labor — the rascal. Mild day & little on the cool side.

Oct. 25 Sally & Sister left on the early Boston bus. Went to office early. Saw no patients at all but did a few errands and got the mail — then came home met John en route wheeling Sally's buggy — it wanted a go! Took him to Library. Found her Sallie here and talked things over with him. Went to School House and got my new rations books for January 1st. Went to Hospital found all going well — discharged another patient came home and was getting luncheon when a patient over in Belchertown telephoned that she was starting. Went to Hospital about 3.30. My baby arrived at 6.45 after big try — all went well. Met two Amherst friends visiting at Hospital and took them home.

Oct 26 Was called back to Hospital just before midnight and had another by just after 4 A.M.! Back home in time to shave before going to office. Saw patients in early morning and did an abdominal hysterectomy at 11 A.M. It was a heavy case so I went back to Amherst in P.M. and picked up John and took him home. Went to bed very early 7.15 P.M. and finally started until morning — guess I needed sleep.

Oct 27 At office early — patient came in to be weighed shortly after 8.45 and left. Had busy morning in office — discovered that I was taking care of my dear old friend Elizabeth's grandniece and Jimmy Wilbur's niece! She seems to be holding this embryo and I have high hopes. Heard from Archie A. Hess Jackson Armenia and returned to the Chelsea Naval Hospital. My 8 lb patient has gained 2 lbs.!! Went to Holyoke for a rather remarkable afternoon. Archie Abrams telephoned from Boston he is back from Italy and returning to the Chelsea Naval Hospital [illegible] have said above but it seemed grand to really hear his voice — he said he was bringing me a bottle of the finest Scotch Whiskey made! Rained pretty much all last night and today.

Oct. 28 Drizzle continued during night. It kept up pretty much all day. Went to office early — taken John to the Jones Library — no patients — after a few errands I went to Hospital — found all going well but spent over an hour there. Took nap after lunch. Picked up John as he was leaving as it was still raining. Went to Belchertown & then came home had a mighty good lunch evening! Sally telephoned she would come tomorrow. Had a lot of mail brought.

Oct. 29/43 The rain is over! Temp. in low 50's but being Tuesday with my lectures & the nurses it meant no golf! The links would have been pretty wet anyway! Sally only not playing but did quite a lot of telephoning. Came home by way of the mill and had some shopping and got gone. After lunch I wrote letters and then went to Hospital for my visit & lecture. Went down to meet Sally found she had been waiting 20 minutes — came in very early.

Oct. 30/43 Dark misty sort morning — temp in low 50's. Went early to office. Had fairly busy morning — then went to Hospital — found all going well. Stopped at Hospital shop & went on after lunch to the golf course. It turned out to be a beautiful afternoon and at least 2 dozen were on the links. Tim, O'Hara & I played 9 holes 52, 50, 57 in the above order then we played 1, 2, 3, 8 & 9 and Whits & I got a 10 on 1, I got 5 on 2, 4 on 3, 4 on 8 & 6 on 9, running a teaching team on every hole after the first. It really was a glorious day for golf.

Oct. 31 Not called about 11 last night and again at 3 a.m. had to go to Hospital then & my baby at 4 & 4½ girl arrived very smoothly a bit before 6 a.m. Came home & got breakfast & shaved — then went to Miss Hodi and to the mills for gas & food coupons the Sunday before! Went to Hospital and spent a busy busy morning. Discharged the mothers of my twins. All going well with my little Lapsi babies and all the others except for normal discomfort. After lunch went over to links and played 9 holes with Mrs. Logan & friend. I was decidedly the low man — I simply could not putt — 60 to their 55 & 54! Tim arrived early but and played with 2 other girls. Joe & Kath were there & Joe told me about the mess my father is in — just never hears right — the dirty work!

Nov. 1 All Saints day — I went down to Boston early with Sally & Dennides — had quite a busy day in the office. Lunched at the Parker with Sherman Hoyt and Morgan, Jimmy Lovell, Ellwyn Williams, Don Carlisle, Mark Cook, Llewellyn Metcalf, Walt Hall, Tom Fortes, Lawrence Hemenway, George Hunt, Kip Perkins, Chris Foster, Dennis Lockwood, Bill Claflin and others — rained mightily good — & declined my principles for rest Monday night — Halloran. Reached the Valley just before 6 — John arrived from Northampton shortly after 6 and — quite upset because his story did not come out on the attendance — which he feels rather takes the wind out of his sails. Should note that yesterday the Eisenhowers — parents of twins came over at 5 P.M. & see the twins. They seemed duly impressed.

Nov. 2 Dark misty sort morning off to the office early, did errands in Concord saw several patients. Came home to lunch — looked like clearing and Tim Bloffard that he was at the links so I went over but it began to rain before we could get started however in spite of rain — ended it became a downpour we got in 9 holes and several good shots. Then went & got my hair cut brought John home. Went over to the Hospital also went to call on the Butlers. Rain was abating in evening.

Nov. 3 Busy busy morning at office — one new patient — then on to the Hospital. Played golf in afternoon with Tim, Genevieve and her sister played the first four holes but it began to rain (and it was cold as well) Tim got a 55 and I 53 but we halved the holes — each me 3 and we halved 3 it was very good fun. Went to bed early.

Nov. 4 Went to office all thoroughly clean at 10 a.m. Went to Hospital and did errands in Northampton — Twin Cleaners seem to have lost 2 suits of clothes! Went to Belchertown to get a turkey for the week-end had a nice call on Mrs. Hurd & Hank, talked with Sally who comes up with the card from now. Dyspepsia began to bleed suddenly — yet Dyspepsia 15 days past — patient began to bleed suddenly — yet 15 days past — patient began to bleed suddenly — yet Dyspepsia 15 days past — patient began to bleed suddenly — yet Dyspepsia 15 days past — patient began to bleed suddenly — yet Dyspepsia

Wednesday, November 3

John Huntington Returns After 14 Months In War Area

Former Gazette Reporter Gives Colorful Account of Field Service Activities in Africa

Field service activities in Africa were described colorfully by a former Gazette reporter, John H. Huntington of "Forty Acres," Hadley, on his return to his home town after 14 months on duty with the volunteer forces which have been transporting wounded men from the battle zones to hospital centers, and assisting refugees from subjugated countries.

Grueling Desert Training Described

Receiving no training in this country, the field service staffs, made up of 4-F men not accepted for the military, of persons whose religious beliefs prohibit their carrying guns, and of others offering their help gratis in the war theatres, had a form of preparation for their tasks after arriving in foreign lands. Training in a sun-parched desert was Huntington's lot, and he tells how his crew dug fox-holes in the sand, learned to draw by compass, guided desert convoys, and practice night driving without lights. Their ollotments of water, he Their allotments of water, he for each man, the skimpy rations having to cover the individual's bathing, laundry, and drinking needs. One cup of tea per meal was the only additional beverage, he stated. Soy bean sausages, "bully beef," and grade F salmon (which he said looked like carpet nap) were the principal meats served, in a diet so skimpy that all of the men lost weight rapidly.

Says American Fighters Eat Well

Huntington says of the excellent fare which American army men enjoy, at a cost of some 68 or 70 cents per day per man, as compared to a 13 cents per day expenditure for each man in the British forces. On his British rations as described above, Huntington reports having lost 67 pounds in a little over three months.

In a ten day period during the battle of the El Alamein, Huntington and his buddy carried some 500 men in their ambulance to medical posts. They saw duty at Gidibarrani and at Sallum Pass, which separates the western and the Libyan deserts. At Ft. Capuzzo they observed about 1000 Germans passing in, carrying equipment, moving guard, and appearing very much road-weary, hungry, and sullen.

Huntington and his buddies had many narrow escapes, but seemed to lead a charmed existence, he stated, with only one casualty in his company of 97 persons. He was with the "City of London's light field ambulance" unit for a time, helped out close to Tobruk for awhile, and saw plenty of excitement during the first fighting at Tripoli.

Helped Greek Refugees

The Hadley youth was in charge of 13 ambulances seeing duty near the Turkish border, and directed aid to Greek refugees from Salonica via Turkey for a time, witnessing fleeing families in harrowing circumstances. He told of having carried an important Greek cavalry officer, traveling incognito, in his ambulance, and learning later that his passenger had been the famous General Pappagos.

One Short Leave in Fourteen Months

On his only leave in fourteen months, Huntington spent five days sailing up the Nile, viewing the ruins of historical places.

Returning to this country, he read his first newspaper in more than a year, and worked for a time for a New York paper. He has been doing some other writing to occupy himself before resuming overseas duty, and to tell the home folks the story of field forces achievements in the battle zones. He was high in his praise of the field forces, whose members work without remuneration, receive no decorations, and no compensation if wounded. He said that American field forces aided two-thirds of the British Eighth army in Tunisia, carrying the wounded to medical centers.

Lauds Red Cross

The American Red Cross in the Middle East is doing as fine a job as any organization he'd ever seen working, Huntington stated. The Red Cross has fine facilities and hard-working staff men and women, he reported. He was in Cairo, Tela Viv, and Palestine before returning to America. And he is now in communication with representatives of the Friends' Relief service, with which he hopes to return to the war zones. He also hopes to work overseas, doing reconstruction work, after the war.

I have been here awhile after returning from Iraq and Egypt and Syria in this war.

Nov. 5th Went to office early - saw a doctor & [illegible] Huntington went to the Hospital - all going well. Sally and her girls arrived at a little before 3 just before I had to leave to give my lectures to the nurses. All went well and I came home on leave to take my part in preparing supper.

I went to the annual meeting of the girls' Glee Club Tea - Later Genevieve Kuper and her committee entertained us. We planned all the meeting as usual to carry on the war about electing Pete Hayes & he was Sec. Treas. Fabulously we all remained on electing him to the office. I had a jolly dance afterwards but very tiresome because the man was so scarce. Quiet night at Mrs. Dickerman seems to be getting along all right. The Eastern Bostonians did.

Nov. 6. Patients spent a quiet night at Hospital all O.K. Went to office early. All going well. Played golf with Edgar Wrighting best Mrs. Parker. Edgar got a 43 and was really very good. Tom & I tied!

Nov. 7 Had a "Harvard" turkey last night for dinner - delicious bird. Beautiful clear morning. After a busy morning at Hospital went to the golf links with Edgar. He got a 40 but he gave me a stroke a hole and we were even that it was not settled until the 9th hole was finished. I got a 55 - my average. This is real Indian Summer - warm almost 70 and a haze that is very characteristic.

Tea Wrightington [illegible] $8.75 per day Cheap at any price Delightful time just the same

Always have a grand time in the spell of the most hospitable of hosts and this time the big new team knocked the spots out of the opposition as per the above. - Stan

MAJOR #13 MARK

The crowd left for Boston right after lunch. I played with Tom and we were overtaken in the 6th by Mr. Regan and his friend the athletic teacher at Mass State. They had never seen any horse I rode them over and they were thrilled. They stayed & supped.

Nov. 8 up at 4:30 and off for Boston taking Otis & Mrs. Glover down with me. Busy day - had a long letter with orders abroad which looks remarkably well - he's assigned to the Chelsea Ward Hospital so he probably will be able to write after my parties. Got back with the Glovers at 6:30 P.m.

Nov 9 Heavy rain and high wind - almost alarming during night - got headfort but the electric power went off shortly afterwards so I had no heat or light for my office work.

Went to Hospital in evening and worked in the records.

Nov. 10 was called to Hospital at 11:45 and my baby came safely and early at about 4 this morning. Saw patients all morning. Played golf with Tom he won by one stroke 52 - 53!

Sally telephoned that she has sold 311 Marlborough St for $6,500. which is certainly more than the bank would offer.

The River is very much higher than it has been quite early Summer - it is well up in Holmes Cove field.

Nov 11 Went to Hospital early - all serene, then to the Office where I saw one patient Mrs. Parke. Came home to lunch and then went to the golf-links in spite of lowering clouds and a flurry of snow in morning. Played 4 holes & the mud enough.

Nov. 12 To office early saw several patients did errands paying bills etc. Called on David, came home to early lunch. Went to Hospital in P.M. for my lectures to the nurses and to see my patients – all going well. Went to Amherst in late afternoon. Finished up Sally's "Famous Poodles"! Took early cold night

Nov. 13 Went to office early and saw patients this entire morning my Dr. Hadley patients came up. I think that all is going to be well with my investments – it certainly seems so. Quite a bit of money came in during this morning. Among others another load to come up this week. Attended at the Candy Kitchen as I was taking a patient to the hospital in Northampton – dropped in to see Tim – he was fast asleep in spite of the thundering noises brought a few weeks for his sister in law who has been in bed with a heart attack for a week – she looked better. Came back here and found the papers from Meredith & Grew about the sale of 311 which is to be consummated Dec. 15th the buyer is a Mrs. Evelyn M. Sampson Went to Amherst in late afternoon and brought the Mortons over to see the house – they seemed to enjoy the visit.

Elizabeth K. Morton

David Morton (on the anniversary of his acceptance by the above lady)

Nov. 14 Breakfast clear cold morning Temp. 36°, bright moon and a few scattering clouds T.A.M. Walked up to the mills for the paper, fed the pig and then went to the Hospital for most of the morning. Mrs. S. King called up wants a little write me about Wednesday. Went over to see him and talked very amicably and satisfactorily for an hour. He is off for Florida tomorrow. He will let things rest until he comes back on the way back coming over the hill! Four more soldier boys off for a Sunday P.M. hike brought them over to see the house they were very much interested and very grateful for it was from Wisconsin, one from New York City and one from Durham New Hampshire. Went to Northampton in early morning and later to Amherst. Talked with Sally who says that John has an appointment today or rather tomorrow with a man from Washington about a job in the War Dept.

Nov. 15 Cold night 26° this early morning 7 A.M. (after breakfast) Eleven a crystal. Sherman Fuller Jr. Lowell come today. Went to office early. One new patient – a Mayo's wife due in May. Began to clear up shortly after noon rose. Made visit at Hospital all going well. Began to snow shortly after 12:30 and now it is coming down in sheets and the field between here and the River is white. Heard from Sherman – they will be over around six. Guests arrived before it was really dark and after a quick visit through the house we sat down to a really good dinner. After dinner we had old Albert Spencer as usual but J.L. Lowell seemed to enjoy it fully. Heard from Sally that John has a job with the War Dept. Saw Illustrated London News Scene quite strange but it's effect is effective! The boys came over before sunset and we saw the old house in the last light. Had a good evening.

James H. Lowell, Sherman Fuller

Nov. 16 Went to the office early in a flurry snow storm – it cleared off in the morning. Had 2 new patients. Went to Hospital – after lunch & began to get ready for the evening.

A perfect – another priceless evening!

J.C. Hearing the best in everything

To Miranda is a Thought for us all but not for naught
To our friends we bend for Doc and Ruth we all always
lend only good and always willing to wish them
there best. H T Hill.

The moving finger writes, and on goes on! and all thy Piety and Wit cannot
Erase one word of it! Pleasant dreams of the most pleasant evening –
A very very happy evening – K H Chubb

A really priceless evening – no formalities & no program just a good time with real friends. Doc & Ruth announced (Tues) their engagement!!!

Nov. 17 Went to office early – early busy two new patients. Went to Hospital – all seem. Had to go to Ambient in P.M.

Nov. 18 Went to office early – heard that Nelly Duffy was in labor so went over to Hospital after seeing a couple of patients – her baby – a fine boy arrived at noon 7 lbs 9 oz. Went to office in late P.M. – and had to go back to Ambient later.

Nov. 19 Went to office early and saw patients in Ambient and at office another new patient. Came home to lunch. Went to Hospital for my lectures and picked up Sally at the bus. Heard the details of Johns new job – sounds quite exciting. Played domineer in evening.

Nov. 20 Early cold night and very foggy morning. Temp 28 went to office as usual early. One new patient. Became very busy after noon. Went to Hospital – all going well. Read in P.M. Played domineer again after supper. Did my meteorology for the Colonial Society late P.M.

Nov. 21 Went to Hospital early saw several patients and went over in Ct to Stratford in Conn. Went over to the golf links after early lunch – played with Tim & John Ennis – I played badly but we had a grand time and it was mild & pleasant until late in the P.M. when it cooled off sharply. Went to Hospital after supper.

Nov. 22 My baby came very simply and normally at about 1.30 A.M. Stayed at Hospital until 5.45 passing rain. Went down to Briarcliff with Sally – rain & snow all the way and lots of track wagon laboring! Saw something like 15 patients and had a good talk with Trow about the house. Came back in blizzard – about the worst going I have ever been through – wind wheel whipping freezing and pretty muddy under foot – got home at 6 P.M. Called up Hospital found my patient had been miserable with nausea & epigastric pain but as her general condition was perfect they saw no reason for my coming over & turned in at 8.

Nov. 23 Was called at 10.30 by the visiting family because I had not been to Hospital! Called up and not being perfectly satisfied I went over. Found patient with paroxysmal tachycardia and probably a dilated stomach – got hold of Bayne re account of heart and washed her stomach out. She felt much better and we put her to sleep. Stayed at Hospital until 2.30 then as she was sleeping peacefully with pulse just above 100 I came home. Morning urine is excellent. It is blowing hard with occasional flurries of snow temp 33 now out. Just heard over the radio that Warren Barbour died last night – This brother the Senator from N.J. Snowed in and off all day – about 4 inches on the level with a few small drifts. Spent morning at office and Hospital – took long nap after lunch – read some more in John Masefield's book "So Little Time" (Dave Morton's comment after reading "And so much Space") Went to Ambient late in P.M. Had delicious kidney supper. Sally telephoned – had planned to go to Washington but it doesn't work out. Because of warning of extra heavy traffic is not coming up until Friday. Found my patient doing finely at Hospital seems perfectly normal.

Nov. 24 Went to Hospital after busy morning at office – found all well sending home Nellie Duffy tonight. Cleared off today but it is quite cold. Went to bed early.

Nov. 25 Beautiful clear cold day – Thanksgiving. Did not get to Hospital until after 10 found all going very normally. Alice Ennis gave me a nice big piece of schabling pie and I made some apple sauce. Wrote my report for Colonial Society and several letters – finished "So Little Time" – parts of it are certainly delightfully written but it is not my idea of a novel. White novel. Began "The Rote" The snow has practically gone today at 5 P.M. 50°.

Nov. 26 Went to office early – saw patients and did errands. Came home to lunch. Lectured to nurses. Met Sally at tea – it was a treat. Sally brought up a very interesting letter from John telling about his work in Balamos.

Nov. 27 Went to office early saw patients until nearly noon. Came home by way of Nash's bringing home a chicken. Went to Hospital and got back in time for late lunch. Played golf with Genevieve – it was pretty snowy and rather cold but we had a grand time – no one else on the links until just when we were finishing and then Tim arrived – we had a fine afternoon.

Nov. 28 Went to the mill for the Leperaud fed the pig! Saw Nellie Duffy & the baby all goes well. Went to Hospital came back before 11 and did some mending with John Duffy – could not get my old clothes press into the office – or rather after lunch played golf with Tim – we played very hard – the only snow round here was the 3rd but we made it in good form. We had really fairly good scores – in the 50's. The snow is practically gone.

Nov. 29 Took Sally to the early tea – 7 o'c then to the Hospital and then the office. Did a few errands. Came home and read most of the day finishing "The Rose" a very powerful book. Cold night.

Nov. 30 Went to Office early – saw patients all the morning then went to Hospital all going well. Took nap after lunch. Went to Amherst to late afternoon – fine Friday supper.

Dec 1 Cold morning 20° went to office early. Saw patients until almost noon – came home to lunch. Went to Hospital when all was going well and worked on records a couple of hours – almost up to date. Had a tasty chicken supper.

Dec 2 Went to Office early and then on to Hospital. Sent Teddy to Hospital

Dec 3 Went to Hospital early and found it necessary to operate on Pt. as described in previous letters. Lectured to nurses in P.M.

Dec. 4 Busy office hours from which I went to the Davidson girls and then to Golf links to Tim & the girls & I had a grand afternoon. Mr. Davidson & I won hands down – she got a 50 and I a 52!!! It was cold enough to make hands unpleasantly comfortable between holes.

Dec 5 Freda's birthday! Went early to Hospital for short visit – then to Office back home to a Mulligan lunch. Went to Amherst in P.M. after supper went with the Sallbergs and the others in the crowd to hear Fr. Hubbard in Northampton – he had wonderful pictures of the Aleutians and told of the taking of Attu & Kiska – a really grand man with marvelous story to tell. After the lecture we had a Welsh rabbit here – all home by midnight!

Dec 6 Went early to Boston my last office hours at 511 Boylston St. Am I glad! Brought Joe Quirk a load getting fare of 6.20 P.M.

Dec 7 Office hours early then on to Hospital where I dictated my last case. Good dinner here. I have never seen so few bills ordered! A few drowsy wood peckers and surely a most hateful & My nest is fairly matted and no cells in head evidently gone & they have been out on a week – I suppose there is plenty of seed in the fields still and probably the insect life persists enough to satisfy. There is not a trace of them anywhere except in the woods. Sent patients to Hospital this noon

Dec 8 Blew yesterday and today.
Dec 9 Day Baby came about 1.30 all very severe. Went to office early. Almost mild enough for golf but the wind was pretty sharp to decide not to. Went to Hospital and found all well. Went to Amherst for afternoon – Tots worked on Christmas cards, Nice Thanksgiving to bed early.

Dec. 10th Went to office very early – worked on cards and saw patients until nearly noon. After lunch went to Hospital saw patients & hoped to find it but could not. Went to Amherst by way of Amherst. Talked with Sally – Teddy Emery was not expected to live through last night but he did! He may go any minute. Has been a cool but not really cold day. Glorious full moon tonight.

Dec. 11th A patient brought in a fine big steak and I proceeded this noon to come over and share it with Tim. Had a delightful time.

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ST. MICHAEL'S AU
Sunday, December
260 Tickets $1.

Dec 12 Talked with Sally – Teddy is still alive but very low. Shirley is still in Hospital but may be well enough to come up here for Christmas. Went to Hospital early – saw several patients started a patient on Coca and my baby Cesar in early evening.

Dec. 13 Went to bed early and slept really rested when last night in almost a week. The high winds of night before last sprang up again and the temperature (now at 7:30 a.m. 24) is dropping – forecast says Zero before tonight – the Brown is quite frozen over – no snow.

Dec. 14 Went to office early but just answered dunstones and wrote letters & paid bills. Then went to Hospital. Warmed up gradually during day and now at 7 P.M. it is 23° and looks like snow. Played cards this afternoon – it has been a very long day!

Dec 15 Temperature dropped to 14° and cleared during night – bright moonlight. Predicts it is for colder weather today and tonight. Expected a call from Sally tonight but she did not. Roy Bonnie brought me a small venison steaks – deer shot by Morris & Spear.

Dec. 16 Cold night 7° – clear moonlight. Went to office early – saw a couple of patients – called on a patient due in January who has a mild upper respiratory infection – perhaps the flu – she did not seem sick. Went to Hospital had a little talk with Joe Fallon. My patient is doing all right. The last load came up from Boston and I made quite a bit of progress on stacking things away.

Dec 17 About as cold as yesterday – 11° at 6 A.M. overcast. Sally telephoned last night – Teddy is still alive but very low. Sally has been very busy putting things up at 311.

Dec. 18 Had a busy day in office – then on to Hospital. Went to Amherst in late P.M. after a very good dinner had O gr to Hospital on a clinic case – all went well.

Dec. 19 Spent to office early – saw patients all morning. Went to Amherst from Hospital – midnight for luncheon and pleasant afternoon – excellent pork & applesauce dinner. Went to bed late.

Dec. 20 Saw a couple of patients in office. Visit to Hospital all going well. Went to office in late afternoon. Had good chicken dinner here – to bed early early

Dec. 21 Mammas 94th birthday! Went to Boston at 6:30 saw several patients & cleaned things up pretty much. Had my last staff meeting at Peabody Hospital. Got back here note Sally at 6:30 had a busy call to Hospital but my baby did not commence almost midnight – all went well. Another patient came in (husband friend with a melodious "Merry Xmas Doc" Tone – She was not in labor – gave her sleeping pills.

Dec 22 Went to office early – patient did not start in labor this early A.M. but very mild until 10 A.M. from then on progress was rapid delivered her at about noon – all went well. In P.M. went to Hospital and Elsa Brown gave my nurse an excellent talk on baby's eggs – they will come! Played dominoes & went to bed early.

Dec. 23 Went to office early – saw patients almost from – home for lunch by way of Miss Neil's and the Mills' Xmas greetings. Went to office in P.M. – to Holyoke – Highland Market (for northampton turkey) & to Hospital to see my recent deliveries and patient in for operation tomorrow a.m. – all going well. Has been growing steadily colder last 2 days. Tonight 0° to some 6° above Zero at 9 P.M. & should not be surprised if it fell below Zero by quite a bit tonight!

Dec. 24 Went to office early and later to the telephone office & Hospital but wrote letters etc. Operated on my sweet Southern lady – she may have carcinoma I doubt it. Postponed my office early afternoon & then ran up to Amherst and did last minute shopping. Turned the tree and it looks swell. Had a very depressing letter from Dr Jones – Should not be surprised to hear at any moment that he was dead! He must carry out with the lectures!! Temp. has moderated during day – photo at Zero here at 6 A.M. but it has risen 14° above in Amherst & Amherst also Northampton.

Dec. 25 Christmas Day! Up early as usual – not quite so cold – 10° Went to Amherst to see a pregnant patient with the flu & then to Northfield; all

Dec 25 (cont) going well. Beautiful clear day & growing milder. Called up each and every one of our crowd & wished them a Merry Christmas – it was a good getting & they all responded in kind. After lunch & a nap. Dd Asher & Fanny & Priscella, Mrs Hayden, John & Edward & other females arrived for a moment only they would not stay but it was good to see them.

Dec 26 Sent in a patient around 4 this morning. Went to Hospital at 8 and Shelby afterwards another patient telephoned that she had started. Spent the whole day at Hospital one baby came at 12 P M and the other at 6.35 P.M. – all went well – but it was a long day. First sleet was falling just as I came home – temp 33°. Played dominoes after supper.

Dec 27 Went to Office early and put on well & dug for it took 3/4 of an hour to get there – & car ran on all the roads could not get off the hill – tried to go around but got stuck – shoveled very badly – finally made the Post Office & Rd. and got to Office at 8.29 – ! all the car behind had to go back to Boston. Mild day in the 40's Sally left at 2.15 for Boston. Had to get up twice after my hottest night – all going well with patients. Had cold turkey for supper – did not go to Reparatist Lodge.

Dec 28 to order but clear mist conducive to work. Went to Office early. Dd my last telephone bill in Com. 2331! Went to Hospital all going well. Much colder this A.M.

Dec. 29 Sisters birthday. Went to Office early received patients wrote them went to Hospital. Took long nap after lunch quite cold. Went to Reparatist Lodge. Turkey for supper.

Dec 30 Got quite cold last night 13° above at 6 A.M. Clear day. Sally telephoned last night that she had a letter from Jim in Gibellina Siciliy. Teddy is still alive.

Dec 31 Planned to go to Boston & do a session but a bleeding patient kept me here and very busy all day. I operated late in the P.M. and I think all will be well. Spent the morning in comfort and the afternoon between my rooms and the Hospital! And now this beautiful year has come to an end and I have much to be thankful for. My life in Boston as ever – I realize that I shall only be an occasional visitor at the most and I really am rather glad of it. What my fall life will be up here in the valley remains to be seen – there are elements possibilities for great happiness that I know, but can I attain them? It seems to rest with me alone, May! Today has been cold but pleasant and I am glad to say Sally is staying in Boston – It would have been the thing if she could have come with me but with Teddy dying & the Christmas rabble it is better that she is down there until it is all over. Gilman Perkins death gives her a handsome legacy.

Jan 1, 1943 Happy New Year! I feel very fortunate to be able to enjoy another interesting day in Forty Acres.
Another day of pure enjoyment – Thanks so much – Ernie
To a wonderful host whose house is like Mozart's "Eine Klein Nacht Musik" – so exquisitely furnished, neither too much nor too little, with the comforts which the Lord affords – Patrick Emily – with deep appreciation.
Dr & Mrs E. Goldie and a few young Canadian officers came over to see the house and stayed to supper going home very early (10?) but they seemed to have a good time.

Jan 2 Talked with Sally – Teddy is still alive – the hope to go to Bedford today & tomorrow and find out what the real facts are. Went to Hospital early – a patient that I examined Dec 31 and found to be staged in fact has done nothing & has bled but little but has not internally stopped as will spend the night at the Hospital. Spent all morning in the office seeing things around – getting this Boston thing sorted out & closed! Sister Ann this noon he has been sick but is in pretty good form today! Ray came down & talks about wood for next Winters etc.

THE PINE ROOM AT FORTY ACRES

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jan. 3 Not so cold but looks like gathering for a storm – snow! Sun sign of dawn at 7.12 A.M. Went to office for mail – one patient came in. Went to Hospital by way of Miss Walsh. Overcast all day – very raw – low 30°. Felt like snow all day. Put in a busy afternoon moving things – really making excellent progress. Talked with Sally last night – Teddy was conscious enough to recognize her – very far from being in coma. It may turn for weeks. Strange how such a story could have come from his immediate family. Now at dark there is still no sign of snow or rain temp 33°.

Jan 4 Moderated considerably during night – very dark morning but too mild to snow and no sign of rain. Temp 40° in early afternoon. Had family band morning in office. Went to Hospital all going well but could not send in a patient due on the 13th. Wrote to Constance & John last night & this morning early. Dropped in to see Flora this noon – he is much better. Worked moving and sorting stuff from 311 – it is a tremendous job. The sun shone for a few minutes just at sunset.

Jan. 5 Cloudy night but warmer – temp. 33 this morning. Sally telephoned last night – is staying down for a birthday party Saturday.

My 1933 Christmas card.

Jan. 6 Woke up to find ground 2 inches deep in wet snow – very bad going. Sprinkler order on day went in. Patient this day just fashion had fresh hemorrhage this P.M. Friend small pieces of placenta packed & gave her transfusion although she had had enough to effect pulse or blood pressure.

Jan 7 Patient had a good night. Took out packing early this A.M. She seems alright. Lectured to nurses. Had a lunch away for supper – very good!

Jan 8 Sally's 59th birthday! 12° at 7 this morning and gradually clouded over as the day progressed. Now at midnight it looks & feels like snow tasting at low 20°. Have moved all of linen & bottles up attic and filled all the shelves in the pine room. Have three more book-cases to fill – think they will take practically all the books – then I will shift them about so that all the best will be in pine room. Pt's doing well at Hospital.

Jan 9 Cold night – went to bed early. Called at 3.30 by my patient who was supposedly due Dec. 12. Went to Hospital at 6 and baby came about 7 all went very well. Quiet depressing day. Saw snow once – telephoned a few friends out of desperation.

Jan. 10 Called at 2.30 from Cambridge – a patient due Feb 8 went to have Cesarean & sterilization 2 weeks before term. She left two small children. Went down at once – very very little traffic on road – not a machine in motion until I got into Spencer and only saw one car in motion while going through the whole of Worcester! Got to Cambridge Hospital before 6 and operated at 7 P.M. Left for Northfield about 8 and reached Amherst at 10.30. Saw one patient in office. Marion Dewey has a severe injury to her elbow & shoulder – a fall will keep out of work for a month! Went to Hospital all going well. Moved all the things out of shed & settled Geo Tracy's final instalments – it was a job. Roy & John Duffy did the work.

Jan. 11 Called to hospital about 3.30 and my baby came shortly after 7 a boy! all went well. Saw patients all morning after lunch I took a bit of a nap and then went to the Hospital and made my Northampton call going well. Have a very busy day tomorrow so shall turn in early tonight. Called by Porter – John is at 311 and Sally at Sues. John started to be with Porter for week or 10

Jan. 12 Long morning in Office. The Sidleys from Spencer came to lunch - they have problems they wanted to talk over and we took a hurried 4 hour at the river. Went to Hospital - all going well.

Jan. 13 Early call from Amherst - pt. with severe earache. Managed to get hold of Fadden and gruellest man here with the fever - Jr. Collins is ill with pneumonia. (I incidentally Esther Compton brought Fadden & twins many ladies over for cocktails & to see the house yesterday & we had a very good dinner after the house afternoon) - came the car patient at Hospital at noon - She has a bad middle ear. Had busy day at office.

Jan. 14 Fine night! Milder temp this morning in high seventies - cloudy - looks like more rain. Off to Hospital early - 7:30. Talked with Sally last night - John at St. Andrews Lodge. Received yesterday a cable from Ben for John congratulating him on a N. E. story. Wish he would write - can't get to Cape Cod. Found my ear patient at the hospital much improved and had a marvelous reaction - ear so much better. Had fairly busy day in office stopped from office on my way home. Should have noted that Tim is in the hospital on the very next room to my patients and they are having a wonderful time together!! Tim's heart was unbelievable! Beautiful sunset!!! The clock man (Wood & Shand) came over with his Senior Wilcox & the Terry at 6 P.M. & set them up in place - he also fixed the Grandfather Clock & the old house (the hour hand was loose & would not regulate). Fadden called up and gave me final instructions about my patient.

Jan. 15 Went to bed early. Sent in a bleeding case 3 mos. pregnant before midnight am going over to Hospital at 7 A.M. & will probably operate. I did. It was an incomplete abortion, all went well. Ear much better - temp down. Tim is enjoying her company very much.

Jan. 16 Went to Hosp. and saw patients all morning - one routine. Took my patient home from Hospital. Beautiful sunshine all day and fairly mild - not really melting.

Jan. 17 Weather continues fair and in the upper seventies during day. Harry Gaylord and his wife came to supper for a Welch rarebit - it went well. Sent in a patient with ruptured membranes - no pains. Talked with Sally & John, the latter expects to be at Peik for several weeks.

Jan. 18 Bad morning went to Hospital around 2:30 and my baby arrived at 4:30 all went well - Dr. St. Onge laid up & Laryngitis so Noble attended to me. Ear continues to improve. Staff meeting at Hospital Dr. Fallon unanimously reelected Pres. of the Staff for this decade! Went to bed early.

Jan 19 Went to office early - saw patients until nearly noon - My ear patient seems better but got a much more accurate picture of her ear and it is not too good. Sail Tim at noon time he seems much better & strong.

Jan 20 Went to Hosp. early all going well. Took Genevieve & Spring field to see Gridell - he congratulated me (should have been Fadden) on collecting me of a very serious case without nine months. She still has a lot in her ear drum. But it has been a wonderful day - me-of this but up not this last 4 have spent in months. Went to the Fadden for supper and we had a very good time - Meet Lapp's sisters (twins) for the first time and heard all about the new shop at Southbridge.

Jan. 21 Saw my patient for a few moments on my way home - she had a good night and seems better. Took about 500 volumes to the Jones Library this morning - more to come.

Jan. 22 Mild night and clear morning - again took a truck load of books to the Jones Library - this is the last real load I think! Saw a couple of patients and came home and did laundry Hadley - at the mills and got my new retina goggles. About 18 Wards and Otis Chaplains came over to see the house and they seemed to really enjoy it a number of the girls were from the South and they evidently appreciated the layout. A patient has started in labor and I am going over to the Hospital for the night.

n H. Huntington' who is on taff of the Boston Travel- spending the week-end his father, Dr. James L. ington, of the Huntington in Hadley. He was a ber of the Harvard-Baha- scientific expedition which ust returned from southern s. Several large tuna were on the expedition, includ- a record 657 pound catch. Huntington landed a 436 d tuna in eleven minutes.

Jan 23/44 Back from the Hospital before 1 P.M. My baby arrived about 10 a.m. rather difficult delivery (version) but all went well. Learned that Mary Pach the ~~the~~ apostle of Candelaneuthana and is broadcasting at Governor Emerton and Pat Drury came over for the afternoon and supper. It began to snow about 7 a.m. & was almost a Thanksgiving storm 3 in. Pleasant day patient all and was really a lovely day with a glorious sunset. Sent a new breeding patient to the Hospital a friend of Dawns.

Jan 24 Went early to Hospital and weighed my patients - [illegible] pregnant Mrs. Scholfield daughter came to see me Father Spencer - a Protestant. Governor Cannon to have tea & Dawn not but nothing doing. Talked with Goodell later & learned that with the hearing device in that ear it probably doesn't need hearing aid - he is going to see him in 3 weeks. Went over to the Hospital on evening patient thought she was in labor but was not. Spent the evening with Dallas Tom!!!

Jan 25 Went to office early saw several patients. Left a flat tire on the Hath Wagon - 12 new studs! Has been mild and overcast all day - temp in high thirties after a cold night. The Goff crowd are coming over for pork dinner - a boon!

Jan 25/44 Again we meet again and all of us are well & happy. - Bless the Party - Della Sullivan, Tom.

Jan 25 Another good time for the gang - Kathleen

Jan 26 to have been able to get any one else over for evening

Mac Too - Keefe We shouted sing more! With emphasis on the Glasses. Tom

We had a very very happy evening & the loin was perfect! Afterwards cards and singing & and really good at that Broke up just before midnight.

Jan. 26 Went to office early saw patients until noon. After lunch went back to Amherst with D. Mather who just started in heat. Then went to Hospital and rounds. Went back to Northampton & Cates to Amherst a really grand day - mild for January. Heard that Teddy Emery died today

Jan. 27 Went early to office paid my Collections bill! Saw patients until 11:30 then came home for lunch, went to Hospital in mid afternoon and later to Amherst! Had a wonderful dinner on the left over pork. This has been a very eventful day in my life! It has been a regular January thaw - snow almost gone and the fields bare at 4 P.M. 46°!

Jan 28 Went to Office early - sent Johnnie Wrenn & over shoes to him. Snow my last lecture & the movies in P.M. Very mild day feels like a Winters day in Charleston or Aiken!

Jan 29 Went to Office early for a long morning. Finished "The Great Moments" quite a remarkable story. Went to Amherst in P.M. afterwards called on Tommy & returned home - he seemed very well.

Jan 30 Spent good part of night at Hospital - false labor! Made early visit to Hospital saw one new case. Much cooler with high wind, below freezing all day. Went to Northampton late in P.M. had fine supper here to bed early as I expected to send in a patient who seems to be starting

Jan 31 Did not hear from my patient until after 6 - sent her in as she really seems to have started. Did nothing all day - sent her home at 2 P.M. and she came back about 8 P.M. really in labor! Went to Frances Fords birthday party but had to leave for Hospital before 10 P.M.

Feb. 1 My baby came at 5:20 A.M. all went well. Office hours until 11:30 then home to lunch - very cold wind temperature well under 30 zero nights nevertheless. Went to Amherst late in afternoon - house nice and warm with fire in living room beautiful moonlit night.

Feb. 2 Temp. dropped to 10 above this morning and has held down. Went to office early - saw several patients paid bills - I have quarterly in Amherst, Hadley & Northampton now in the 4th Wed each! Went to Amherst in late afternoon and to Northampton in evening - a glorious moonlit night and mailed.

Feb 3 It was engaged 37 years ago today. Temp. 29° at 6 A.M. clear skies. Poor Dan Wheeler lost his appeal to the Supreme Court and is sentenced to 1 yr max in Prison - that ends him in these parts! Too bad but he has to admit that he was endlessly foolish & ill advised by his lawyers. Had an opportunity of coming in close contact with my dear friend Jay Kennedy - poor dear boy!!

Feb 4 Was called to Hospital and did not get back until 4th A.M. - did 2 obs & 6 Feb. Had to reach a patient to Spring Hill at noon in spite of which had a very snowy trip to the office. Had a delicious dinner - the best spare ribs I ever tasted (my cooking of course) glorious moonlight and not too cold - in low 20's at 10 P.M.

Feb. 5 Warmed up considerably today - really mild - in low 40's quite a bit of sleet this morning is almost entirely gone but a little ice remains in the shade the birds are not hungry enough to come around very much - poor not even a grass in the place for a robin - the downy woodpeckers enjoy the suet but it lasts a long time. Went to Hospital after early office hours - patient & rest in abroad 8 A.M. had her second baby - a boy - very early at 10 A.M. later went to Amherst - Jay Kennedy walked across lots from the Lyon. to Amherst here in 35 minutes he stayed for about half an hour - he looks badly. Delirium suffer. Cleared house this P.M.

Feb. 6 Went up to the Mills early for the Sunday paper - then to the Hospital. All going well - but not one more private patients of a Sunday morning by order of the Executive Committee - but it is just as well, it takes a situation forced on me really - was encouraged with B.F. Bryant to see patients in his office Monday morning? - a much better arrangement. Went to church in Holyoke - the music was superb & Edmund Howe very strenuously all afternoon. It has been a very wonderful day for me really - I feel 4 years younger. The moon is shining bright in the East and it is really mild - just below 30°.

Feb. 7 Went to office early for mail then went to Northampton to my new office - like the layout very much - think it will work out well. Went to Hospital - all going well. Dropped in to see Tim - not so well, he has been in Hospital again.

Feb. 8 Went to Office early by way of Mrs Nash's to pick up my Sunday chicken 1½ days late! Sent patients until noon then the Hospital could not send in my patient long overdue! Stanley telephoned about 1 P.M. that Sally has grown a temperature and was going to Hospital - talked with Conrad W. he does not seem concerned will talk to me later around 7:30 tonight. His report was most encouraging - the sulfa drug was getting in its work on lobar pneumonia.

Feb. 9 Busy office hours - new patients. Heard from Boston that all was going well, after a bit of a scare due to sulfa reactions in that one kidney, third washout continues snow all gone.

Feb. 10 Went to office early. all going well and continued good news from Boston.

Feb. 11 Office hours as usual - then Hospital. much colder but no snow as yet - but it is coming.

Feb. 12 Long office hours - had to get pulled out of the avenues drifted snow - it is falling fast. Snow continued all night - Cleaning day - got chains just in and got along all right. Went to Amherst in mid-afternoon. Had a delicious pork roast and a delightful evening. Heard from John - he has left the job

Feb. 13 Sally telephoned early - she is much better and ready to leave the Hospital but Dr. won't let her. Went to Miss Jacobs early for my chicken

Feb 14 Went to Office early, then on to Northampton, after mail came. Where I saw two patients in my own office — Dr. Bygrave (1st) Then to Hospital and then dropped in to the Tea. Sally telephoned in the evening that she was up and about and almost ready to leave the Hospital.

Feb. 15 Went to Office early — saw patients until nearly noon — saw Dr. for a few minutes. Went to Amherst in late P.M. — fine chicken supper! Beautiful moonlit night. But snow beginning to fall.

Feb. 16 Went to Office early. Mrs. Keefe came in for a check up all seems fine saw several patients and then patient due today called up with definite symptoms (Tap daughter) took her over to Hospital and think she is going to start. Saw my patient, long overdue, Mrs. McClenen and found her already for induction. Came home for lunch. Was called by Hospital to say that a clinic pt. 4th baby had arrived at Hospital just starting. Went over to Hospital about 3rd found Tap daughters in very active labor baby came at 5 P.M. Dr. Kennedy had a retained placenta shortly after my baby was born — he consulted me at 7:30 and I helped him out! Mrs. McC. delivered at 6 before 7 and my clinic's case 20 minutes later ten min later a pt. of Dr. Bowden precipitated and I delivered her — 5 cases in 4½ hours!! Got home at 10 and got a bite to eat rubber.

Feb. 17 Warm rain & wind has carried off practically all the snow. Went to Hospital early and found all my patients doing well. Had long busy office hours. Took my patient David to Springfield to see Dr. Goodell — he was really delighted with the improvement. Finished off the chickens after we got home. No news from Boston! Began La Maurice Vail which I have never read.

Feb. 18 A card from Aunt Ruth tells of the death of George Huntington's little baby — sister wrote me of her illness last week. Mild day with a real feel of Spring in the air. Heard Great Horned Owls (2 of them) at night — I was burning out the incinerator. Went to dear with the Potters tonight, had a very pleasant time.

Feb. 19 A new pt. just back from Springfield 9 A.M. (her husband a major in air-corps) telephoned in early morning that she thought she was starting but she was not. Afternoon again to Hospital and then in early possibly effective labor. Baby born at 6 P.M. — all went well. Talked with Sally & went to bed early.

Feb 20 Went to Miss Yeaki's early then to Hospital saw & ran all my patients. Went to Amherst in P.M. Had a fine steak dinner.

Feb 21 Did a cesarean at Hospital Della & Tom ensured more than for the worst — all went very well and they were thrilled. The two devoured many things & were very happy. Called on Mrs. William Bondelet at the Lord Jeffrey — a rather distinguished person. Talked with Sally in evening — she is worried about Bess baby — & should think she would be. Contractions mild but very pleasant really a beautiful day and almost like very early Spring. Fixed up all my Ping-pong tables good.

Feb. 22 Saw 2 patients in early morning. Worked on 9 years at Dr. Sleeper meeting? Very tactful and Scandal mongers decided that more training might use C.A. on selected cases only. Cesarean doing well. Kidneys for luncheon. Did a lot of ping pong very very happily!
Celebration of Della & Tom's 18th — We are Della & Tom enjoying ourselves greatly at this grand party with the wonderful gang — — — Bless Them —
To another grand evening through the kindness of my dear friend Irma Huntington T.C. Lady
John for another game of ping pong! Yes Keefe
The best time yet — honest. Kathleen, Chuck
Everyone in the pink today. Tom
As a ping pong "Champion" You are a Cadburys Good Advertisement. J.D.
Had a grand time and the loss of pole was prizing. The new Ping Pong tables a grand success we had some very close games.

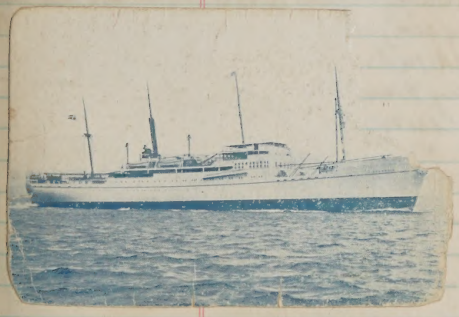
Feb 23 Called to Hospital shortly after 4 A.M. Clinic case — Gene for. Baby came shortly after 4 A.M. Came home after a nap at Hospital

Feb. 23 (cont) Went to Office early had busy Office hours until after 12 did not have to go to Hospital on Sunday all very patients after 6 days a week. Emailed my income tax papers and then went off to the dentist Wednesday! Sally & John letter in morning - Christmas is much better - went to church (Communion) yesterday - John has taken a job at Loomis just outside Hartford Conn. at Loomis to teach English. Hope next week that comes all right for the week end.

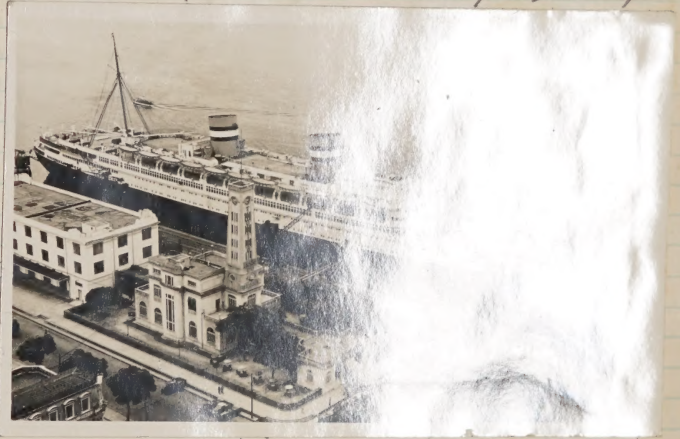
Feb. 24 Beautiful day with real touch of spring. Spring bulbs have broken through the ground South of the House trees big buds already developed - my rest is almost untouched. Went to Hospital and spent a busy morning - the chronic patients due to come never showed up for tuberculosis I arranged to have one of my patients come for Physiotherapy examinations for the records. Went to Amherst late in afternoon. Had a delicious 2 lb. chicken for supper I made the dressing & it was good. Beautiful mild night.

Feb. 25 Heard over the Radio they A. M. that a substantial sum had been left exclusively for golf at Amherst by a Providence alumnus!! Fine clear sunrise - temp 28°. Went to Office early. Got a couple new shirts - very hard to get now - I did not really need them. Feel a bit tired. Shall be glad to get to bed early. Went to Jones Library for birthday coffee (Mrs Greene Writes) talked with Carlton Hotel a good luncheon here. Jr. Vesper very well. Talked with Sally in morning. Looks like rain.

Feb. 26 Went to Office and saw patients until 11 when the Hospital. Met John at the Inn & it was late. Had a good luncheon here. Jr. Vesper very well. Talked with Sally in morning. Looks like rain.



This is the motor ship Sclandia a 7500 ton deluxe freighter of the Danish-East Indian line. It was built in 1939 and flew the South African flag when I crossed from New York to Capetown in her in June 1942. We were convoyed with 50 merchantmen to Key West. Went in another convoy to Trinidad (Port of Spain) From Trinidad we were in another convoy for two days. A day after we left them, they were attacked and half of them sunk off the Brazilian coast (about 30 or 40 of them). We sped across the Atlantic, coming within a day of Dakar, when we met with a surface raider. We recrossed the Atlantic and proceeded South to within sight of the Falklands. We crossed the Atlantic again and rounded the Cape for Durban but again ran into a surface raid and put back into Cape Town. From New York to Cape Town, it took us 42 days. There were almost 100 American Field Service men aboard the Sclandia, 4 Balkan guerillas, and four U.S. Marines. The Sclandia was sunk off Madagascar in the Spring of 1943. This picture was given to me by her captain, who went down with his



This is the New Amsterdam, pride of the Dutch fleet. We transshipped aboard her from Cape Town to Suez. There were about 10,000 troops aboard her, many RAF ground crew, King's Royal Rifles, and Sussex and Essex Yeomanry that had suffered such terrific casualties at Alamein. We had South African wines for dinner and played deck tennis on the aft top deck. We put into Durban and it took us almost two weeks to get to Suez, arriving there Sept 5th. 1942. Sixteen of us slept in a stateroom, originally designed for two.

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Feb. 27 John spent a very busy 24 hours here leaving on the noon train for Portland and Bangor. Spent the afternoon and evening here telephoning trips to and back — lovely dinner.

Feb. 28 Went to office early. Saw Tom Sullivan about speculating over under by he thinks it helps to advise early consultations with those of us [illegible] precautions of vaccination. Went to Hospital after office hours and [illegible] — only 2 patients. Dropped in to see Tim at noon he looked very well — he returned "Under the Old Apple Tree" & "Old [illegible]" they attempted to work the hoop, was not successful — quiet & settled off for long afternoon & followed the receipt work & other letters. Played Bezique — Rosy for him — Rummy in evening — grand times. Feels [illegible]

Feb. 29 On my way out to the garage this morning I heard a blue bird — followed his note and saw and heard me singing in the big maple tree on Johnson land across the street — it was a grand night. Went to office early & mild day saw patients in office later went to Hospital all going well. Went to Amherst in P.M. Mothers for supper and later Gin Rummy — to bed early.

Mar. 1 Talked with Amesbury by telephone — he has paid for my State Tax so I am all right. Busy morning at office did not go to Hospital as hear only one case left there and she is doing well. Went to Amherst again in P.M. Cleaned house thoroughly all afternoon. Had very good news back for supper — cause not well or home is not going to be a total loss. Went to Holyoke in evening — to bed early.

Mar. 2 Went to office early saw patients until almost noon then went to Hospital calling on Mr. who recently went home on 8th day — all going well. Ray Kennedy came over to supper — we had a very pleasant time — he is a grand fellow. Talked to Sally — Cousin Dorothy is very ill with a [illegible]

Mar 3 Talked with Amesbury on the telephone again, looks as if I would have to pay out plenty in income taxes this year!! Stopped on Dana St. on my way to office and watched the Evening Grosbeaks — a very beautiful bird clustered thick on a tree on Cousin Charles Huntington's Smiths Lane — were so near I could see markings on the wings very plainly. Worked on my budget and portable income tax and think I am going to pull through all right without too tight a squeeze. Had a lot of minor duties during afternoon and evening all alone. Got a good letter from John he seems to have found his niche he writes in a very happy mood and clearly is working very hard.

Mar. 4 Clear morning temp. 20 at 6 A.M. a faint powdering of snow on the driveways & walks.

— — I have seen the Hermitage and Mt. Vernon, but I'll take "Forty Acres" for unrivaled, and unspoiled beauty.
Richard Knowles Morris, Loomis School, Windsor, Conn.

We came up for a couple of hours from Loomis School. Dick and I both teach English there — J.H.H.

John arrived very unexpectedly in early evening Genevieve Keese and I were playing Gin Rummy after a very good supper! Later John & his friend went over to Amherst to see some friends of mine's — returned in [illegible] mins.

Mar. 6 Was called early to Hospital — patient long overdue started around 2 A.M. found that she was not really in labor so I saw my patients in Northampton and came home to lunch. Went back to Hospital in [illegible] afternoon and my baby — a little girl arrived very

Mar 7 normally at 8:30 got home to supper before 10. Busy office hours 2 new patients the plenitude another baby [illegible] Dorothy. Saw my Springfield patient but could not send her in. Went to Hospital found all going well. Called on Tim he seemed very well but much upset at the news that Peter & Thelma Dickman are leaving the Golf Club for South Hadley. Had real pork for dinner — grand evening.

Mar. 5 Went to Hospital early. Did not get to church. Went to Holyoke Library at 5 P.M. to hear an illustrated talk on American Indians the pictures were remarkable I enjoyed the Seminole pictures especially

Mar 8 (cont) Quiet evening. Talked with Sally – Cousin Lizzie quite well again. Went to office early – went to Hospital late on P.M. – Snow of yesterday morning practically gone & ground drying up fast. Quite cold today. Met the Oakfield Mens Club with Bob Stevens. Had a good talk with Bardwell who lives directly across the River from me – his big barn is the old Oakfield church referred to in the annals of 40 years. Made late evening visit at Hospital – all going well. Glorious moonlit evening – moon almost full! Peter & Thelma Dunn came over and I gave them a couple of chairs to try in housekeeping they seemed very grateful.

Mar. 9 Went to office early very quiet, delivered one new case. Went to Hospital all going well – did dressing in Northampton – dropped in to see Mr Butler. Brought a pair of trees from Thos. Sears Adm. Told he invited me to supper. Had a very good time – a Mr. Lin the Waters from Tokio was there a very talented musician and a rattling good Ping Pong player. She beat me four straight games but they were close. Then we played a few pieces in the parlor. Dr. Fiske was there and we had a very pleasant evening. Fanny told her we had 5 sets of 5 games of Ping-Pong but most of them were deuces. A little colder tonight full moon.

Mar. 10 Anniversary of the Great Blizzard of 88 – how well I remember it in Oakfield. Sally telephoned before 7 – Tom is leaving Miami Beach for Davids & Julia's home again. Sally leave Roz' house on Monday. Again sky at sunrise with full moon just setting – temp 18°.

Mar 11 Cleaned house and played rummy & ping pong after a busy morning in office. Beautiful Spring day. Heard a song sparrow.

Mar. 12 Went to Hospital early then went to French church with Jim – beautiful music. Went to Jones Library for a concert on rattan reeds by a Japanese teacher – only fair his high notes were weak and poor and he definitely lacked sympathy in his spiritual – beautiful Spring day and moonlight night. Sally telephoned.

Mar. 13 Went over to office in Northampton after going to Hospital. Then I discharged my patient – all going well. Went to Amherst late in afternoon – Went to Polly Inn in evening. Driven very warm today getting into the fifties. Temp dropping rapidly.

Mar 14 Only dropped to a few below freezing – beautiful clear day each patients all the morning – did not have to go to Northampton. Temp in the room will above 60 this P.M. working in letters all afternoon. Am fixing up office in the chair room here – for Dalley patients and emergencies.

Mar. 15 Operated with Ashton early this A.M. cloudy morning broken skies. Office hours until noon went to Northampton, found my patient on excellent convalescence this afternoon. Got home at 4 Had Jim – mummy & ping pong until nearly 10 P.M. Snow began to fall in early afternoon the ground & trees will above freezing. By 8 o'clock the ground was white – snow very light & wet heavier & rain & I went to bed.

Mar. 16 Ground still white with a generous coat of snow – still raining at 7 A.M. went to office early cases until noon then went to the Hospital all going well. Worked in getting ready for office over dining room at P.M.

Mar 17 St Patrick's Day. Was called to Hosp. before 3 this morning – my baby came part after 7 A.M. for all went well. Went to office until early noon then Hospital. Mr. Lee in Ashfield reported bleeding – rather shortly afterwards – seems clearly a placenta previa from history, examination and X ray – baby still pretty small – planned operation 4 P.M. Went to Watts Church for a small party – the regular crowd home just after midnight. Tom Sullivan had the colored crooner of the dinner here last Summer. Mrs P.M. I brought table from the dining room (75) the refused rugs – the large parlor rug (3x11) & the large Indian carpet (12x15)

Mar 18 Did my Cesarean at 8 – rather more than a partial placenta previa but not quite central – baby weighed 5½. Put up diplomas and pictures in office

Mar. 19 44 Roy & John came down shortly after 8 and we moved all the stuff — had to take desk completely apart but it was a simple thing to do only taking about five minutes. Put up "Transitory Posters" mirror in front hall, Ayers grandfather theatre[illegible] portrait — looks very handsome there. Piped office up with chairs rugs tables, scales etc — both quite presentable. Stayed fairly cold all day but the snow has entirely gone and the ground is almost dry. Carol Granger Stevens came over to call bringing flowers who stayed & supper — we had a mighty pleasant evening and they were impressed with my office and its appointments! Now late in the evening after my trip to Amherst the snow is pulling off!!

Mar 20 The first day of Spring — and the worst storm of the year by far! Had the help of Jim Hawk or through the morning when I came back from Roy's in the morning it got not all right — it stopped snowing the middle part of the day. Saw three patients in my office in Northampton one new one Jack Fuess my lawyer and then Jim and got home alright. Tried to get to Amherst before 5 but could not get past Pleasant St up — it was not important and I stayed up by telephone. The boys from Phelps Farm got me out with shoveling & pulling and put chains on the car so I am alright unless it falls heavily tonight and it does not look like it now at 7 45 P.M.

Mar 21 Cleared off before midnight — got along well with chains but snow deeper than any time before in 1944! Roads all melted off by noon — very warm as rain heard my first robin in spite of snow. Went to Amherst late in P.M. & again in evening.

Mar 22 Cold night 13° clear and warmed up rapidly. Saw patients until noon this Warner made a mistake of 10 to 100 in check book and I overdrew heavily! Heard bluebirds at noon. Beautiful clear warm day. Went to Holyoke at noon — all seems to be going well. Made usual trips to Amherst — almost finished off the last fresh meat of my pig — this cold! Watched in the Running of Yonkers — not very very close. Worked on letters. Talked with Sally — she is still at Brownells.

Mar. 23 Not so cold. Thermometer stayed at just about freezing all night. Cloudy this morning. Got over to the office early this only after 8 and 2 patients Ashton reported me to help him with a cesarean at 10 o'clock stopped in to see Jim — he is following instructions and has gone to bed for two days — he is feeling well. Got a letter from John he is spending his Spring vacation at Fort Lauderdale in Florida with the Forbeck. Began to snow at 10 a.m. changed rain shortly after noon — now at 4 P.M. the snow of day before yesterday is gone in great big spots in the fields in front of the house and in the meadow.

Mar 24 Rain continued with night. Was called at 2 30 for a second baby — mild rain all over — my baby came at 8 30 then to Amherst for office hours all morning. Clear windy mild day snow almost entirely gone except for small scattered patches very wet.

Mar 25 Feast of the Annunciation. Beautiful mild Spring day — robins & bluebirds song sparrows all singing — many bluebirds around the house. Patient called about 7 thought the was starting came to the office not very of labor — started in & had pains about 1 P.M. sent her to Holyoke and baby arrived at 8 30 P.M. all went well. Did very heavy cleaning in P.M. went to Amherst before I went to Holyoke at 7 15 P.M. snowing drying up but still pretty wet.

Mar. 26 Overcast in early morning and 40° & robins, song sparrows, bluebirds, woodpeckers, blue jays, starlings and chickadees all making merry in the trees around the house. Real Spring day! After breakfast I heard my first meadow lark of the season — it cheered me back to health! A flock of geese, the first I have seen in years, have been about the place for two or three days now. At 5 o'clock the sun is shining in and very brightening sky. A glorious day! Went to Miss Parker & the Mills'

Mar 26/44 Cont. And then over to the Hospital. Went to Wrightsville to church - translation! We had a delicious lunch and a wonderfully relaxing afternoon - I am low man in 4. R again! Called up the Tibbets and have arranged a party for tomorrow night. Sally telephoned is not coming up this week end! Talked with Dr Fallon - he very excited!

Mar 27 Rain and heavy showers with thunder & lightening. Small flock of geese honking overhead on their first north. Went to Amherst for a few minutes & then to office in Northampton after visit at Hospital, then went to see Tim he looks much better after his stroke in bed at Doctors orders. Got ready for party in P.M. Alice Comins cooked a shoulder & ham on pig - it was swell. The Tibbets, Tebbetts and Mrs. Compton came over for dinner & we had ping-pong, dance & dancing until midnight. Tibbets got stuck trying to get out North avenue hill with Hank & Thorkle & Newlands brought me & a lot of pushing we got him out.

Mar 28 High wind, clear skies and temp 40 - typical March day! Up early, now at 7 with chores all done I am off for the office. Weighed 212½ this A.M. - Rest & before breakfast. Went to office for a fairly busy morning then went to the Hospital all going well. Went to Amherst in afternoon. Worked up records at the Hospital tonight and I am up to date - leading the staff! Saw Tim only for a few minutes

Mar 29 Went to office early then to Hospital. In & out of Amherst and then to the Mens meeting at the Northampton Boys. met the new Capt. All Northampton we went on to the movies "That Gay Girl" - right uproarious! Was called out and went to Boys when a Pt. admitted - yeasty of infected membranes. Debated what to do - practically no pus so we sent home for a few days rest - Called back to Boys at 11:30 and my baby came at 6:30 all went well. Then went to office for early morning. Got my hair cut. Took long nap in P.M. Sally telephoned and I heard from Barnett, Sisters, the Tibbets & Tebbetts Compton Generous came over to supper and beat me at Ping-pong & running but we had a grand time. I am 64 years old today!

Mar 30

Mar 31 Went to office early. Patients until nearly 11. Called on Fr. Leary & talking to High School boys for Penny. I am not one bit & well. Johns story has come out in the Atlantic for April - very weird and different. Went to Hospital taking Mrs Shelly for the Macrae baby Green called this P.M. and night nurse fell before the noon consult. Bright moonlight so my evening visit to Amherst. Hitler brought up some things from 311 - splendid portrait of Adam Babcock - Dear great, great, Great grandfather also the sign that has been outside the window at 311 Marlborough and before that at the office on Beacon St. and even before that at 24 Marlborough! Had fish for supper.

April 1st Went to office early then into the Hospital where my Springfield Dr. was getting ready & start in labor - She did nothing until late P.M. then I came along quite rapidly baby was born about 8:40 (this patient was a baby of mine!) Twins by boy all well. Raised in the evening - A fully developed rodent ulcer April 2nd Went to the mills for papers then to Hospital - all going well. Went to Holyoke for a Palm Sunday - most beautiful service, Went to birthday party at the Tibbets for Alex, Esther Compton (age 6) and for me. Had some very good ping-pong - I almost beat Fennie and did win over Peggy Johnson & Esther Tebbetts but Alex trounced me good & plenty. Home before midnight.

April 3 Went to Northampton office early saw O'Brien for very satisfactory meeting. Went to Hospital all going well. Went to Amherst late in afternoon. Stinging really cold. Saw Tim for about an hour he seems very well. Got Ems cable about Alfreda.

April 4 Went to office early saw Fr Lane about talk in Pascal dinner. To High School boys - he approves my doing it & am going to say an Ave not relish the job. Went to Amherst again in P.M. - Very good ping pong in evening & I won my games.

April 5 Went to Amherst early then went to Hospital. Letters all finished.

Former 'Gazette' Reporter 'Makes' Atlantic Monthly

John H. Huntington of Hadley, Now Teaching in Boston, Describes Ambulance-Driving With Montgomery's Army

John Higginson Huntington, former reporter on the Gazette, has a story in the current number of the Atlantic Monthly, entitled "I'll Never Know." The story deals with two soldiers in the Sixth General hospital, Helvan, North Africa. A Harvard graduate, Mr. Huntington served over a year with the American field service in North Africa, and is now teaching English in the Loomis school, Boston. He is the younger son of Dr. James L. Huntington of Boston and "Forty Acres," Old Hadley, and is a great-grandson of Bishop Huntington, and a descendant of Capt. Moses Porter, who was killed by the Indians near Crown Point, N. Y., nearly 200 years ago. The story is only a page long, but is very original. He drove an ambulance with Montgomery's army fighting Rommel, and knows whereof he writes.

April 5 (cont.) Went to Hospital all going well. I do not come in on Clinic until June 8 prox. Went to Amherst early in P.M. Long afternoon of house cleaning and a wonderful evening filled letters and sealed them. Big Parcel mom lighted us on our way.

April 6 Believe 32 birthday! Cold morning beds 27 at 5½ Rose at 7 the sun is streaming in the window & I write. Finished letters and mailed them after talking with Tom Sullivan. Messed up somewhat during day. Spiller amiable has been cleaning up around the house this a.m. and has three days.

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April 7th Something should be written at this point. I don't know quite what. Perhaps finis and nothing else. But that seems inadequate. What will be recorded in these many blank pages ahead? As trivial as what has gone before? Anyone who has read these journals from the beginning until now is a very dull fellow that should have spent his time in reading some dime Western or something similarly worthwhile. I feel that I should say something worthwhile, something complete and unto itself. I cannot. Words cannot express my contempt. I rather sympathize with the next mistress of this house. It's a rather out-of-the-way-place — this genuine antique house of horrors. Perhaps I should say that it was never comfortable, it had been lived in too long, rather smelly, you know. That's part of it. This place is a still-stone. One of those things that grind and wear down and exhaust. My advice to the next mistress of this house is to sell, providing the market is high and pity the poor sucker that buys. Many memories are tucked away here and if truth were known I love the place. But not now

I don't expect ever to come here again. J.H.H.

April 7th In the first place it should be noted that a page is missing! This is the first time in twenty or more years that there has happened and the explanation will follow — actually the last entry on dates of April 7th was made by my son John late on the night of April 8th or early morning of April 9th. Now to begin back the clock — my note in April 5th is "finished letters & mailed them" those letters were to Sally & to Stanley asking for a divorce. Sally immediately came up here — she could not get away to take care of me & since her interest in this place for all these months but in response to my letter asking for a divorce she could conceive her at a moments warning!! We had a very calm, unemotional interview and decided that the best plan for both of us was a divorce on mutual grounds. Of course it was a tremendous shock to her but she took it magnificently.

April 8th Easter Even — long letter about ways and means but very harmonious. Mrs Johns arrived in the late afternoon. He was in an angry humour most of the time. He admitted — nay further he advanced the proposition that his mother & I had been incompatible for years (he and Ben had often discussed it) also that he knew that his mother hated us both in Hadley — that she never would or could do the necessary home work up here yet in spite of all this and admitting that & had to live here to earn a living wage & was a S.O.B. to want to get a divorce just such was in her eyes apparently her utter fault that I was turning to the Catholic Church — he was most selfish in his remarks about that. I will say in his defense that he consumed a large quantity of alcohol before Sally & I went to bed and it was after that that he wrote the entry in his handwriting on page 38. I read what he wrote on page 40 (which he dates two days) and I regret that I did not take the book up in the safe for his entry was very remarkable — I think it showed real genius. It was very vindictive and the trouble of it was he used in describing my mother I cannot ever forget or quite forgive and his remarks about Genevieve were peculiarly nasty — so nasty in fact that I quite hope he lives up to the line he added after he was sober and had torn out and destroyed that page — "I don't expect ever to come here again!" The entry on this page he has not ended in some such way as this. "I have no home and I have no father and I am glad of both!" Poor lad. I am so sorry for him! He is so utterly selfish! He has not the slightest idea of gratitude for all this thousands of dollars I have spent to give him the finest education that money could buy.

April 9th Easter Day. John & his mother went to early church at Amherst. Genevieve & I went to noon at Holy Cross in Worcester. It was a perfectly glorious day — really warm in the afternoon. We had a smoked shoulder (our own pig) for lunch. John left in anger for Boston in the late afternoon. On the whole the day passed harmoniously. In the evening I got repentance from Sally & we changed all that done & to Johns infamies.

April 10th Sally left on the early morning bus for Boston. Sent Ben & got them started. Went to Hyde of Co. Office press in Northampton and they want to see [illegible] told him of what was in my mind. He was very sympathetic

April 11th Genevieve came over & suffer. Genevieve came over to suffer — we had Offer hours then Hospital. Genevieve came over to suffer — we had lunch to talk about. Gave my talk to the High School boys on Venereal Diseases

April 12/44 Office hours then Hospital. Genevieve came over in early afternoon and we did a lot of cleaning house – pruning vines. It has been a wonderful day.

April 13 Grants Birthday! Office hours then hospital. Genevieve came over & suffer. Picket memorial in late evening – uneventful.

April 14 Did a Lesson on a Novel Offices wife. Artists arrested. Office hours – then P.M. visit at Hospital.

April 15 Office hours then lunch at Cindy Belchers. Took Genevieve to train at 4 for Hartford for week end.

April 16 Went to "Mills" & Miss Hicks in early A.M. then Hospital. Dates Cathet with Ros – she was very bitter – called me "a silly old man!" Also Todd, a Wave (Officer) from Texas and her mother came over to see the house & for cocktails in late P.M. – they were impressed. Met Genevieve at 7 o'clock train – she had much to say about Easter (war was startled at this news & naturally as the interested us) We had a delightful supper and a gay evening together.

April 17 Office hours then Hospital all going well. Genevieve came over for supper – lovely very very close ping pong.

April 18 Office hours then Hospital and off meeting in late P.M. John Ward Whitmore in evening – very unfortunate.

April 19 Went to Hospital very early – took out chest clips all going well. Went to golf Federal Co. Jim & Genevieve were already there but for one else – Genevieve & I had nine holes together – very close & many excellent shots – I had two drives equalling my best for East room. We had lunch with Jim and cards afterwards. Left somehow about four and Genevieve washed windows for an hour – Early supper. Genevieve was quite tired after her very strenuous day and I took her home before nine. Went to bed at 10 P.M. Today was warm nearly up to 70 and clouded all day.

April 20 Heavy frost this A.M. clear morning. Fully as warm as yesterday perhaps not this P.M. Went to office early saw patients until 11. Heard from Bunker Bishop that dear Sidney Smith died on his sleep night before last – met the founder of the Esso & Obst Travel Club & always regarded him as a very close friend. Went to Northampton saw patients in office then hours in to Hospital – all going well. Stopped at Highland Market. After a nap after lunch & worked in the big room! Putting away books and other things. Genevieve came over & supper – Needed pork chops – very delicious. She left me again very weak in spirits. Running but not as badly as last week. Went home at 9 P.M.

April 21 Busy day in office – new cases! Sent in one pt. to Hospital for medical induction – I took her to Hospital after office hours. Worked in old house all afternoon especially in the books – beautiful day. My baby came just before midnight – a girl – just what she wanted

Apr. 22 Picked up Genevieve at 8 A.M. and we had a delightful ride with perfect early Spring Sunshine down to Lawrence – a very happy two. Reached Boston in time to keep my 12 o'clock appointment with Phillips Kelleher – he was splendid, fair, impartial understanding and firm for Sally's rights. We had a thoroughly satisfactory hour together with a real & full and perfect understanding. Then went up to Saks, Sally Sue & I had a very calm & pleasant hour together and then I took Sally out & Betty for the week end. Then I went down to see Ros. She is bitter as gall and I might as well never have left my finger & be buried in spite of all I did for Martha & for Bill and after her last baby – I only just simply must on her eyes and she can persuade Bal to fight me the world! I felt badly and yet at the same time amused. Went down to J. C. and got back to Newton midnight – Nothing has been done for this annual meeting!

Apr. 22 — I got my records — 'The Rods' up to date and left a message of enjoyment + pleasure. Stuff for Phil Allen — medals etc, had to sleep in Gyde's Van 2 nights. Rehearsal to Aberdeen at 7 a.m. for a swell breakfast — beastly hash.

Apr. 23 — I have ever tasted — baked beans & ham hash. At 10 I got a call back to the Orderly Dechenaux. Telephoned to Genevieve & Mr. Lord and made the 6.D. at 12.5 — but dining very badly. Baby came normally at 5.45 P.M. Met Genevieve at 7.00 and took her home — she was thrilled with the pearl & notes of pearl pin that belonged to Grandmother Bennett. Found rather a nasty dunning letter from A.A. Adams awaiting me — I shall try not to lose my temper.

Apr. 24 — Went to Southampton early for a very busy morning in the Office — 9 pts! After a fairly long visit at the Hospital I dropped in to see Timmy he seemed very well. After a meagre and hurried lunch I met Genevieve and we spent a long afternoon cleaning — acted primarily at the store and what fights we encountered! Well it broke like a different stave inside and not! Francis Hall called me about 6 to see a Smith College girl with appendicitis — could not get out yet. Went over to Hospital and found very sign of an acute belly & advised Tom Brinton & Sparks at once. Prayed and saw him do a really beautiful job — appendix clearly infected but it might have calmed down but made better to be sure. Genevieve had supper almost ready when I came back and we had a grand evening of Gin Rummy & a tedious wait for my call to get through to Dallas Texas to the mother of the patient! Finally it was accomplished and I took Genevieve home. I turned pretty much all day.

April 25 — Rained fairly hard most of the night. Went to Amherst for family about Office moves. After attending to rather unpleasant mail I went to the Hospital where I found all going well, then to the Smiths & Mimmy where my appendectomy of last night is recovering. Rained in short spells all day. Mail comprises contained in Env 50's. Worked in the old house for a couple of hours. Lee Sanders has moved on the water. The River is high — highest it has been this year, well up in Johns Cornfield.

April 26 — Office hours. Genevieve home a call came over here and sat in front of fire all afternoon. I won many hands of Gin Rummy. Took her home early. Cold & raining.

April 27 — Looked as if it might clear — no cold the River has risen practically not at all. Office moves Hospital as usual. Genevieve came over for supper & I a wonderful letter from Bess — so understanding and yet so loyal to his mother. Set up late to answer it.

April 28 — Office hours. Took Genevieve to Northampton. Made round at Hospital. Came back here to lunch and I read Bess's letter & my answer. Genevieve was much moved but very happy. Took her home in mid afternoon and I went to Golf Links — played with Joe Allen (one of the Club best players) my first drive was 196 yds! I holed at least 4 holes!! I really am encouraged — my drives on the 1st, 3rd, 4th, + 6th were the best of the 3 of us playing and equal to any best all last season! It clouded over but today was almost cloudless and really hot in the sun. Wrote to Bess this evening.

April 29 — Beautiful clear Spring day. Violets are blooming, hepaticas & Red root in profusion — the dogwoods are not entirely past. Office hours until mid morning and then Hospital. After lunch went over to the Golf Links played 14 holes with the Davidsons (Mary and Margie) very good fun and evenly matched I seem to be getting a good distance as ever. I did not miss the ball entirely & only three today. Tim was over and played two holes with me — it was great to have him. Talked with Betty Morton — Jason Mixter's operated on Dad Thursday last — spinal disease. Talked with Genevieve on telephone will see her tomorrow.

April 30 — Called to Hospital early — my boy arrived at 6.45 — Heard the White Throated Sparrow + saw several — beautiful clear day. And what a Genevieve day it has been!

April 30 (cont) After breakfast shower & bath & went to Amherst and Greenwood & went to Mass at 11 Holy Cross in Holyoke – a beautiful service and I feel I am making definite progress in being able to follow. We had sausage meat & kidneys for lunch and then went over to play golf. Tim was there and agreed to play a few holes. Genevieve and I played 7, 8 & 9 and then picked up the Davidson girls and we played 4, 2, & 3 then Tim Snowden (playing) & Jr Fallon & Tim & Billy Goode and we certainly had a grand time. Tim played his best very best I have seen and did not seem in the least fatigued. After Genevieve & I had played down 9 we were perfectly ready to quit but the Davidsons left then. Had a delicious fried supper and after a fine hand of Rummy Genevieve went home – a wonderful wonderful day.

May 1 May Day! We used to have paper baskets filled with spring flowers on the girls front door knobs when we were kids in Ashfield! Chrysanthemums and quite wonderful woven baskets – I wonder if they still do it up in Pembroke County! Beautiful mild Spring day – went to office in Northampton then to Hospital & drifted in & out of Tim. After lunch I went over to the golf links – played 5 holes with Pier – we broke about even. Picked up Genevieve after 5 – she was thrilled & has chest X-rayed on Sunday. We had a couple of delightful hours together before we had to get presents all ready for a party tomorrow night.

May 2 Office hours as usual – then went to the Hospital then back to the house and worked there until it was time to go to Amherst to take Genevieve over to Northampton Pt telephoned late in evening sent her into Hospital ? if being in labor.

May 3 She was not – and I sent her home after an early morning visit. Went down to Holyoke for errands – went to the movies quite a thrilling War picture. Home to supper studied carefully and enthusiastically program from Boston.

May 4 Went to office first. Then Hospital. Roses & apple trees arrived and I planted until sunset. Mrs. Russell worked all day keeping after house – beginning to look like something. Worked until pitch dark. Had a delicious chop for a late dinner – she cannot do

May 5 up at 5 finished planting. Put down rug and got the old house ready for Mrs Russell by 8. John Duffy came and took away rubbish. Went to office just before 9 – interviews nearly noon – yesterday was a hot day even for summer & today is quite autumn. Mr. Compton & friend came

May 6 Office hours & Hospital. Genevieve came over in early afternoon & got things ready in the house. Pt then in labor at most 11 P.M. Went to Hospital.

May 7 Robert Howard Lord came up from the Seminary for the day. Before he arrived I had two babies one at 1:15 A.M. and the other about 9 A.M. Father Lord and I had a very delightful and spiritual day together and he answered many questions I needed to know the answers. He left for Boston at 7 P.M. Began to contract 6 P.M.

May 8 Went to Hospital after my office hours in Northampton, one new & very important patient. Drifted in & out of Tim. We played 6 holes together in early P.M. Genevieve came over to supper, a beautiful cool day with a full moon tonight.

May 9 Went to office early – then Hospital. Played golf with Tim & a fellow from Shelburne Falls name of Kenyon from Hadley – we played very evenly. Picked up Genevieve at 5:02 and she and I and the Dawsons had a very exciting and close finish – the Dawsons won 8 – 5 but it was right all the way – I got a 51. Had a very satisfying hour with Fr. Lane.

May 10 at office early very busy day – Played golf in P.M. Genevieve & Tim & I played 7 holes only. Spent evening writing words at Hospital.

May 11 Went to Hospital early helped Upton to a hysterectomy on Dr. Mebber of the Smith Medical Staff. After lunch played golf with Tim. Genevieve came over to supper. Sally telephoned she and Sister are coming up tomorrow.

May 12 Went to office early. Busy morning. Stopped in to see O'Brien for a few minutes then on to the Hospital. Lunched at Lagers – clams. Met the

May 12/14 Born at 2.10. It was almost 12 noon. Beautiful clear warm Spring day — all the fruit trees are in full bloom & the woodbank is starting to green and the lilacs are in full bud!

May 13 Beautiful warm day. Went to office early. Played golf in afternoon. Sally & Scites worked all day in house. Had a delicious supper of native asparagus.

May 14 Went to Hospital early. Then went to 'French Church' with Tim. After lunch went to golf links & Genevieve and I had nine holes 64 & 60 but we both got in some very good shots. After golf Tim, Joe & I & Alta joined us and we had a very pleasant afternoon. Sherill notes that last evening we had a very short thunder storm. Tonight Joe & Dean came over for cocktails & stayed for supper. We had a very pleasant time. To bed early.

May 15 Went to Northampton for office hours. Sally & Scites worked steadily & very all day. Creighton/Hill arrived for early supper and took the girls back to Boston — he received my will but declined to alter it.

May 16 Went to office early — then Hospital. Tim & I played golf in P.M. Picked up Genevieve and took her to golf links for ladies party. Northampton crowd Hopkins, Esther Compton, Jane Robinson, Mrs Andrew came over & supper with Dr & Mrs. Fiddler. Spent night on Northampton and had a 9 hr — 11 hr. feast baby part of the night — but teething promptly controlled with 10 effect on pulse & BP. Played golf with Tim. Genevieve came over to supper and we had a windy evening — getting ready for Scites!

May 17 Office hours then Hospital after lunch met Scites at Pier at 2.10 got ready for supper. Picked up Genevieve and brought her over and we three had a most delightful evening — asparagus from Scites garden was wonderful. Much cooler — frost is predicted for tonight. After office hours and lunch went to Hospital where met Sally — very uncomfortably rode back to Hadley. Left at once for golf — Child not come back to supper but went to Hospital and had three grands morning. Came home to breakfast and went at once to Office & then to Hospital. Played golf in P.M., came home & had 10 relief from barium — they are hopeful evening. Went down to Reis for an hour & 20 & found Estelle

May 19 Slept late 7.15 but got up to Hall for morning papers and then to Hospital Genevieve and I went to 10.45 Mass in Holy Ghost. Had a very pleasant & delicious dinner — thing needs calmer due to Scites' arrival at my suggestion got Sally to put down in black & white just what would satisfy her — I will agree to anything! In evening after a wonderful afternoon on the links with Genevieve, Scites, Sally & I went to a birthday party for Jo Lane Simmons. Edith Bennett & Marion Delgado were there.

May 20 Up early. Off to office hours in Northampton then to Hospital called on Tim and then home to lunch with Scites & Sally & Joe at 3.05 called on Mr. Butler he very understanding. Late in P.M. Dean & Mrs. Potter from Amherst with three friends came over to see house. Have been running all P.M. hope it quenches this hot spell — prices rapidly around Quarter.

May 22 Heavy rain did just what all the forest fires! Dark overcast cool morning — busy office hours — one new patient, could not read in my room at 4 felt almost sure I could! Hospital and then lunch. Tim and his sisters in law and friends came over to see the house, then the person in North Amherst — with his wife and a friend — Shepherd by name came and almost immediately Prof Reg. French & his wife, the Frenches stayed on and we had a very pleasant time. Took flowers to Genevieve this morning — azaleas and the double Japanese plum by the West wall of the garden.

May 24 Office hours as usual. Played golf with Tim. Genevieve came over and we had a wonderful hot afternoon & evening together — tried to have supper.

May 25 Office hours then Hospital. Played golf with Tim. Genevieve came over to supper.

May 26 Julia's birthday!! Office hours. Very interesting hour with Fr. Lane. Sent in my patient baby girl arrived at 10.45 P.M. all well.

May 27/44 Chestnut trees arrived (evidently dormant). Planted one by the old elm (S.E. of the old house across the driveway) put the others in to rot. Office hours as usual. Played golf with Tim but it was very warm — played very badly except ninth hole. G. Emerson played with Eleanor Dunn & then came over to supper — headed pork chops & asparagus from Sexton's garden.

May 28 This is Genevieve's 40th birthday — also the birthday of my grandfather Bishop — what a wonderful coincidence — but more than that!!! Planted two more chestnuts one each side of driveway where the Mt. ash died and the other back of the pine stumps. Went to the woods for paper & evergreens and then on to Mrs. Clark for chicken — then the Hospital. After early lunch went to the golf links and played with Tom Sullivan against a pair from Williamsburg (the ladies went down to W. for the day) Tom & I played terrible golf but beat our opponents 1 up. Terribly hot got the only birdie on 2 on No. 2. We had a wonderful day however and waited until the girls got back from W. I had the delight of tutoring Genevieve home!

May 29 Cool night! Went to Northampton for the morning — saw several patients in office after my Hospital visit. Dropped in to see Tim's after lunch went to Amherst found a dandy letter from Dave & Betty took it down to Genevieve. Went to golf links played with Tim & the first few holes also with Dot Coyne! I got a 7 on 1, 3 on 2, 4 on 3, 4 on 8, 3 on 2, 4 on 3, 7 on 8, 4 on 2, 3 on 3(!), 3 on 8, & 4 on 9! I never drove or putted better in my life! Joe & Kate Wells were over and walked around with us. Kate had bright another garage! Had a very nice talk with Jean Potter about the Catholic Church. Betty Motton came to see me in office in late afternoon — she has gotten an absolutely perfect day — as far as temperature, humidity and sunshine could make it.

May 30 Memorial day! Went to Hospital early — then to Amherst. The parade was grand Tom Sullivan & little Tom leading the procession!!! Genevieve joined me after the procession was over and came over and cleaned house! After lunch we went to the golf course and joined in the tournament — Scotch foursome. I was perfectly rotten but my partner & I got a net of 35 which was absolutely unbelievable. Genevieve & I came home here for supper and a delightful evening.

May 31 Went to Office early, then Hospital and home to lunch. Picked up Genevieve and Mrs. Ayres at 2:30 and they came over for a movie. The roads were clear and cold and we had a grand time. We had a chicken for supper and it was good.

June 1st — I was married 33 years ago today! Went to Hospital early and operated on an inguinal hernia (Lund #4) Office hours. Then a very interesting and valuable hour with F. Lane. After lunch played 11 holes with Tim he won 1 hole + 2 strokes & took Genevieve to Golf Club supper for the ladies.

June 2 Office hours — then Hospital + lunch. Played golf with Tim but just had a very valuable lesson with Mr. Dr.!! Then Tim & I played (yes I have said above) he beating me by 7 holes & 2 strokes!! Picked up Genevieve after her work day and then home for supper — salmon steaks & fresh strawberries!

June 3 Office hours and then Hospital. Went to golf links The day started off very warm but turned really cold. The Kimballs came over for French supper. The only two girls ever to be graduated in 1901!

James H. Kimball Hingham Mass. '01
Florence T. Kimball
Helen L. Kimball Amherst Mass.
Wm W. Kimball

We had a great time remembering and seeing the house. He was

Physicians Paid $202.75 Here On Reporting Births

The city of Northampton paid physicians a total of $202.75 for reporting births in this city last year. Some 32 doctors from this section received fees of 25 cents for each birth reported.

According to the records in the office of the city clerk, Dr. Joseph G. Pekala delivered a total of 85 babies last year. He was followed by Dr. James L. Huntington of Amherst, who delivered 82, and by Dr. Thomas H. Kenney, who delivered 79.

Other doctors and the number of babies delivered last year follows: Dr. John J. Curran, 78; Dr. Robert C. Noble, 67; Dr. Robert C. Byrne of Hatfield, 47; Dr. Peter Merzbach of Amherst, 45; and Dr. A. B. Makofski, 40.

Friday.

COMMANDING GENERAL
FIRST SERVICE COMMAND
608 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BOSTON 15, MASS.

Dear Jimmy—

Thanks for another delightful evening and night. I did so enjoy it.

This is being addressed in person in Stanbel's Secretary but am taking no chances.

Yours
Harriman

June 3/ast — Mr Stephenson was most entertaining in my diaries. We really had a grand time.

June 4 — Went to Hospital early & then Genevieve and I went to Wollaston Mass – It was a 'First Celebration' and while very impressive it lasted a long long time but we got back in plenty of time for a very good lunch – Kidneys & asparagus. Then we went over to the Golf Links for the Professionals Day – I played with Ed (Mrs W), Sherry, & Crosby and with the exception of the Pro we were all of us worst – I did not get a single hole – I halved 2 but I penned at least 4 balls on the 18 hole – I was driving great guns.

June 5 — Another glorious day – Office hours in Wollaston then golf with Tim and he beat me 2 holes and 1 stroke – We only played 8 holes. We played almost exactly even as each got the first hole which he won in 7 & my ten. Genevieve came over to supper – Louise full moon Patient called at 1.30 A.M. ? ruptured membrane – didn't think she was ready to go to Hospital. I turned on Radio at 6 A.M. to hear that the Invasion Rome recaptured Glorious news!! INVASION NEWS!!! was well under way – Lieutenant Bradley landed 7.30 What a wonderful day. Patient did very badly during day but it had to be an all night attendance June 6 — What to hospital at 7.30 P.M. and my baby came at 3 A.M.

June 7 — Stayed at hospital after my baby arrived until day break then came home & prepared for the day. Busy office hours. Then picked up Carol (up here for the week end) & Genevieve and went to Wollaston for errands (and for me to go to Hospital etc). We played golf the 3 sons beating the husbands quite badly!!! Genevieve came over to supper and we had a wonderful time. At eleven P.M. Shermie Mabry came down from Deerfield & we had a delightful evening by the time he left Washington D.C. at 3 P.M. flew to Boston Field when his car was waiting and got to Deerfield in time for dinner. Frank Boyden called me at 7.45 to see if I could come to dinner! Why I was not invited is a bit hard to understand.

June 8 — Shermie & I met Porter at 7.30 and made a brief survey of the house and the gardens. Office hours were long and busy. Got to Hospital after noon. Got home about 10 P.M. fixed up the house and made ready for guests. The Butlers, 3 of them came at 5 P.M., Mrs. B. Sr. was thrilled with my peonies – said he would give me a gold medal for my blooms (she is the judge at the Peony Show in Boston next week) they took home a bunch – they left at 6.30 P.M. and at 7 o'clock Genevieve came with the Dunns (Cathy & Eleanor) and Mrs. Eaton and Ethel Spier they took home big bunches of peonies after seeing the house and hearing about the history – reading letters and the usual routine chats after telling stories they left at 10 P.M. having given me a wonderful evening. Will down in 50's tonight

June 9 — Clear day weather continues dangerously – the lawns are very brown and they say the strawberry crop will be a total failure unless rain (and lots of it) comes in 48 hours. The golf course shows the effects of the drought badly. Aunt Ruth has arrived for the Summer but I have not seen her – Went to office early and carried some breakfast trays to the Telephone Girls – it is such a comfort to be able to do this without fear! Busy office hours, then the Hospital. Played golf with Tim in P.M. he beat me by one stroke on every hole except the first !! At 7 P.M. Genevieve brought over Betty & Nelson Dawson & a Mrs. Warner – we had a delightful evening (they knew all about our engagement and were very happy about it) – they gave the most perfect peonies and we had cakes and cake all the old things – It really was a grand party and Genevieve and I were very happy.

June 10 — The very very welcome rain began gently in the early morning with promising hints – but it continued occasionally increasing hopefully all day long and well into the night. Several patients cancelled appointments because of the rain so I was all through office hours before eleven.

June 10/44 (Sat) Took David and Betty Morton to Northampton – went to Hospital and after seeing patients worked on records until the Mortons were ready to come back here for a picnic lunch. Took them home before 3 and after a nap at the office I picked up Genevieve at the Hotel and we came home! Genevieve picked up the rooms upstairs as they have not looked for weeks and we had a lovely supper and a glorious evening together. It was still raining when I took her home.

June 11 Dark morning but rain all over. Cleared off about ten. Went up to Mattie and Miss Parker and telephoned Hospital and finding all serene I did not go over as I have only one patient there and the baby is four days old. Talked with Genevieve about noon – the Williamsburg ladies come up for today – golf matches & supper! Worked about the place cut asparagus and fixed up laundry etc. It has been a very beautiful day and everything looks wonderfully after the rain – and the rain was really enough to do real good + perhaps not enough to really save the crops except right here in the Valley where the drought was not at its worst. It continues cold. Went over this morning and made a long call on Aunt Hattie – she seems very well and apparently was very happy about Genevieve and myself.

June 12 Went to Northampton for office hours – but 1 new patient does in January then about noon went to Hospital for visit there called on Tims. After lunch went over to the links, Tim & I played the holes and he beat me by one hole and two strokes – We had great fun. Genevieve came over to supper & we played Canasta.

June 13 Beautiful clear day. Went to office early – met Mr. Rich, the husband of a former patient of mine who died one of his wife's tragic deaths. Office hours over at 11 and made my visit to Hospital & did laundry in Northampton. Glorious day – but had chores to do here so did not play golf. Genevieve, Tom & Della Sullivan came over to supper and we certainly had a grand time – they have just gone home now – 11½!! Clear cold night

June 14 Went to office early – new Executive + Genevieve coming up hastily from the 2nd floor – they didn't see me. Long busy office hours – two new patients, one in Oct. & January! Came home to lunch and then after a little nap (!) I went over to the golf links, picking up Genevieve en route, played 9 holes with Joe, Keith, & Tim – I won 5 & 8 (nuts & nuts!!!) Very cold & looks like rain at any moment.

June 15 Sally, Sister and John arrived at 2 P.M. I had my usual long office hours, lunch and visit to Hospital – the tea was very early. John is very silent and uncommunicative. Went to Hospital right after supper – patient in labor.

June 16 My baby arrived at 3 A.M. came home and got breakfast. The baby was a boy the second son of the Rev. John Clark of Greenfield – David. The local went down to Boston this P.M. Busy office hours and I was able to lend in another patient. Played golf with Joe Allen I won 2 holes and halved 3 – I played putted better – 11 putts in the 9 holes. Went to Hospital again after supper.

June 17 Baby arrived shortly after 6 A.M. Came home and got breakfast and then went over for busy office hours – could not lend in patient. Played golf with Joe, Keith and Tim & Supper over pretty hard on all four – for too emotional for comfort. Went to Northampton shortly after supper last to Keith Childs visited Hospital. Joe and Keith were most kind and I had a wonderful evening and slept really well. In the early morning heard a cat fight unmistakably a very vigorous – quite a remarkable feat.

June 18 Came home and got breakfast for the family. Farewells were tearful, far harder than I anticipated. Sally, John & Sister left at this 9 o'clock bus. Went to Hospital and then to Amherst. Genevieve was most understanding and we both felt

June 18th (cont) much better after we went to Mass in Holyhead. Came back and had a good dinner here. We played golf in afternoon and came home to supper.

June 19 Rained hard most of day. Went to Tim's to call after busy office hours. Spent the afternoon doing chores about the house - cleaning and generally tarting up. Genevieve came over for a delicious supper and a delightful evening.

June 20 Office hours until noon then Hospital - rained more or less all day. Did chores in afternoon.

June 21 After office hours, Hospital and lunch picked up Genevieve and Emmeline and went to Springfield for the golf to be last minute shopping before Emmeline's wedding next week. We had a grand day and fulfilled all our plans. Genevieve found exactly the pattern she wants for her flat silver. Went to call at the convent - "Sister" was most excited and interested.

June 22 Went to embassy early for office hours and then Hospital. Played golf with Prof. Warren & Fred Sawyer - Warren got a 40. Driving off tee up to 300 yds - he was off his putting & very often his usual good boss has been much lower - Sent in patient suffering from a very bad case of Eclampsia.

June 23 Spent night at hospital but found cervix too tight & rupture membranes to send her home. Sent in my patient for Cesarean tomorrow morning. Had a clinic case in P.M. - very rapid labor & threw for supper. Heavy rain.

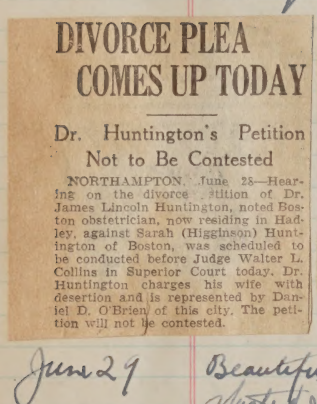
June 24 Carlton helped me with Cesarean and we started Mrs. Filson together and decided to deliver her from below using a new drug to control uterine contractions. Rained all day. Got things ready in P.M. for 'picnic'. Picked up Prof Warren at 4 30 P.M. and showed him the house. Mrs. Warren (his divorced wife) Genevieve and the Demons arrived at 6 P.M. and we had a very delightful time - heavy rain continued. Sent in patient to Hospital late in the evening by messenger.

June 25 My patient who went home day before yesterday was definitely in labor so I sent her in. Picked up Genevieve after seeing my patient and interviewing potential teams for delivery and brought her over here and after an early luncheon I went back to Hospital and had my baby at 3 P.M. all went well. Came home and had a delicious supper - Contractions in rain and the River is nearly high.

June 26 I had long office hours, 2 new cases. Went to Hospital where all is going well. Called on Tim. River very high but not up in the lower fields yet. Arrested by messenger late at 4 P.M. Had a session with D. O'Brien at 2 P.M. Dennis sat in ? of being a witness if necessary. Genevieve came over for supper. Went to embassy for long office hours one new case. Quick post mortem Cesarean. Had to be brought back to Hadley to get Ford. Took flowers to telephone office just at noon, called on Mrs. John Ralke. After lunch called on O'Brien after visiting Hospital. Came home and wrote letters to Sally and Sister. Betty Minton telephoned she has been taking Cecil to movies tonight. Broke her heart. Going to bed at 9 P.M.

June 28 Had night but slept in long nap. up at 6 & resumed writing up diary and letters to Sally. Spent a long morning in preparation. Went to Hospital shortly after nine and found a good many things all going well. Reached the Superintendent's room at about 10 - spent over half an hour reading and signing the papers prepared by O'Brien and Lederbach (sic) - a nice young fellow from Boston representing Sally's interests. Then sat in the Court Room where a deposition was handed

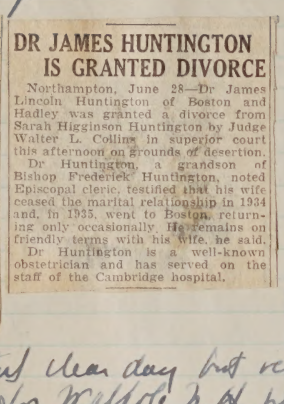
June 28 (cont) down after about ten minutes of conference and testimony.
I was then sworn in. O'Brien asked me about ten questions and then the Judge (Walter E. Collins Harv. 1900) three or four more — one was about the age and history of the house — he then granted my divorce in non-uncontested terms and all was over — must have taken about 7 to 10 minutes at the most. Called up Genevieve — and was she glad to hear my voice! Telephoned Tom the Sullivans, Dr. Talbot also Frostney Todd. Went to Amherst saw Dave Morton and telephoned Mary Hayes. Lunched with Genevieve at the Del Jeff. She was wearing her ring. Took her to the train in Greenfield for Essex Junction Wedding tomorrow. Telegraphed to Sartes and got a very sweet reply.



DIVORCE PLEA COMES UP TODAY

Dr. Huntington's Petition Not to Be Contested

NORTHAMPTON, June 28—Hearing on the divorce petition of Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, noted Boston obstetrician, now residing in Hadley, against Sarah (Higginson) Huntington of Boston, was scheduled to be conducted before Judge Walter L. Collins in Superior Court today. Dr. Huntington charges his wife with desertion and is represented by Daniel D. O'Brien of this city. The petition will not be contested.



DR JAMES HUNTINGTON IS GRANTED DIVORCE

Northampton, June 28—Dr James Lincoln Huntington of Boston and Hadley was granted a divorce from Sarah Higginson Huntington by Judge Walter L. Collins in superior court this afternoon on grounds of desertion.

Dr Huntington, a grandson of Bishop Frederick Huntington, noted Episcopal cleric, testified that his wife ceased the marital relationship in 1934 and, in 1935, went to Boston, returning only occasionally. He remains on friendly terms with his wife, he said.

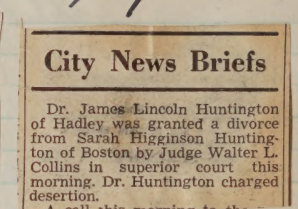
Dr Huntington is a well-known obstetrician and has served on the staff of the Cambridge hospital.

afternoon.

DR. J. L. HUNTINGTON IS GRANTED DIVORCE

NORTHAMPTON, June 28 — Dr. James Lincoln Huntington of Hadley and Boston, was granted a divorce in Superior Court today from his socially prominent wife, Sarah (Higginson) Huntington of Boston, on a charge of desertion. During the uncontested hearing before Judge Walter L. Collins, Dr. Huntington, grandson of famed Bishop Frederick Huntington, said marital relations with his wife ceased in 1934 and in 1935 she left the Huntington ancestral home in Hadley, to live in Boston, only to return on occasional visits.

Dr. Huntington, noted obstetrician and formerly of the Cambridge Hospital staff, was represented by Daniel D. O'Brien of this city at the uncontested hearing.



City News Briefs

Dr. James Lincoln Huntington of Hadley was granted a divorce from Sarah Higginson Huntington of Boston by Judge Walter L. Collins in superior court this morning. Dr. Huntington charged desertion.

A call this morning to the

June 29 Beautiful clear day but very warm. After office hours and the Hospital started for Walpole N.H. planning to reach there at 4 P.M. got there a bit ahead of time but found the wedding over and the guests all waiting for Genevieve to bring the Jones Library girls back from the train. The train was 1 hour & 15 minutes late and poor Genevieve had to wait in that boiling hot station (temp 105) for all that time! Finally they came and we had a very pleasant time and Genevieve and the two library girls & I started home after the bridal pair left (in tears)! We came here and had a very pleasant supper and then I took all three home after showing them the old house.

June 30 July 4 Went to office & hospital as usual — contents not.
Went to golf links about 10 A.M. after Hospital. Took along lunch in thermos bottles etc. Picked up Genevieve en route. Played handicap tournament in forenoon, got 12 out of 18, tied for second place. Had a very genial lunch with the Dunns & Damons. Played Mixed foursomes (with 2 clubs only) in P.M. — Dot very balky — threw & picked my 2 worst clubs!! Had a very jolly chatty supper. Had putting contest after supper. I sank my first 20 foot putt but got a three on the 2 & 2 & I was only 6 and on each hole with his others. Again I got a seven and dropped out — but of all 27 contestants I was the only one to get an all and as result I got a prize — that made 3 balls for the day and as Genevieve got 2, me for tieing for 2nd in the forenoon this family scored 5! We had a grand day.
Sister came up and stayed for a few days in July and these pictures were taken while she was here. Davey and his Sister Mrs. Allen came over & ate the house and Genevieve took these pictures. We went in swimming a couple of times. Tim was quite ill with pneumonia from about the 6th for 3 weeks — We were quite worried about him for a couple of days but he came through all right. I did a cesarean on Mrs Perry on July 10 — her third and she had a mean time for about a week.
Mrs. Atkins had her third on July 12, Mrs Bray on the 13 and
July 19 Mrs. Blair on the 18th. On the 19th I operated on Lee Childs, Ashfield — all went well — busy office hours. Called for Genevieve at 2 but she decided to stay at Dot's until supper time. Played golf with Mrs Kath — Made my record for the year 48! Won 3 holes

July 19 + helped 2, Jos won 3 holes getting a 47 and Hatts 53 very close and exciting. Picked up Genevieve a lot after 5 and after a delicious supper we went over to see Tim + my patients in the evening. Late
July 20 at night Mrs. Folsom telephoned with v[illegible] as my confinement and intuitive reminder later in active labor — baby came at 12.20 very very round. Should note that I made my will yesterday morning and I legally passed to Genevieve. Pt of Bob Byrnes had her baby in early evening all went well.

July continued very busy — Alec Childs had a mean convalescence but never seriously ill — he at least behaved very well indeed. She went home the 12th or 13th Friday. A patient of Bob Byrnes, a Polish lady from Fairfield with the singularly appropriate name of [illegible] TABACCO had a male child along towards the end of this month. Mrs. Varley had her baby and then I had to do a cesarian on Mrs. Hunter Smith — 9 lb 10 oz!! for to try for her to have had normally — on the 31st. Bennett came up and stayed for a couple of nights — early in August and Genevieve came over to supper. Played 18 holes in the Summer Hundred and beat him 4 up + 3 to play. We played again — then on August 11 play farewell to the Greatest Rival and he beat me 3 and 2 again — he had to give me 5 strokes on the 18 holes but in 2 of those I won the hole any way so it helped my net totals. Hannah came up to Aunt Ruth's about the 4th of August for a week and on the 9th Genevieve came over to the Aunt Ruth's. Eleanor Lyon, Hannah, Jimmy Dennis, the two girls, Aunt Ruth, Genevieve and I — we had a very nice quiet time. My patient Mrs. Centerella (Ted Folsom's sister) had her baby very normally on the 1st of August and on the 8th I did a cesarian on Barbara (Daffy) Spear (3rd) a 7½ lb. girl — all went well. Mrs. Richard Johnson had a little girl — normal delivery Aug 10. On the evening of Aug. 12 Genevieve and I called on the Tifts in

South Amherst – it was a blistering hot day 96° at 4 P.M. and we spent a good part of the P.M. in the Grier. Mr. Tuttle visited Dr. Meads from Chicago was there and very interesting and delightful. The house is right at the foot of the 10th by the Range and very busy on that account. Heard today that Fred Sievers was wounded (not seriously) in France

Aug. 13 Too hot to go to church. Generieve came over and spent the morning washing and ironing. After a nice leisurely lunch we went over to the long room and dozed & read until supper time and again until it was time to go to Amherst. The thermometer touched 96 in the shade & nearly 100 with the sun only perceptibly on the glass. Took Carol to her home after a nice visit at the Scovills

Aug 14 The hottest night I have ever known in Hadley. It was so hot up stairs with all the windows open that I could not get up until after midnight! Thermometer dropped to 78 at 2 A.M. & to 72 at 6 A.M. when I got up – very thick haze – weather report promises no relief before day after tomorrow. Went to office early then to Tims with Dee after friends to get lunch at 1 P.M. Thunder mustering heavily in north and West – a very severe electric storm broke a little before 2 – this wind did damage to Johns cornfield etc. I think the trees (fine big elms) that were blown or fully blown down by the storm struck it certainly broke it from the front door of the chalet house – there was a little hail for a few minutes – many bolts struck within 4 yards of the house – the thermometer dropped from 94 to 68 – rose at 2 45 the storm is nearly over but growling heavily as it rolls away – temp 69 and I have all the windows open. Storm continued fairly until nearly past 8 P.M. when I went over to pick up the girls " Genevieve, Ernestine & their friend . I had supper nearly ready and we had a very genial time. Took them home early and then went on to the Hospital and my patient guest starting.

Aug 15 My patient made very little progress until Dr. replaced the membranes at 11 30 from then on progress was steady. Dr. Tuttle & Dr. Simmons worked like a dream but patient was very sick. Early bus [illegible] boy at 4 42 A.M. Dr. Byrne said that the damage to the Hadley tobacco crop would run well into the thousands!! Very foggy night with rising temperature into the low 70's. Came home in time to shave, get breakfast and listen to the thrilling news of the invasion of Southern France. Called on Roger who hanged around then went on to office home in Amherst. Called on Genevieve making plans for tomorrow then went to Fi. home for an hour. After lunch & took a long nap – temp climbed well into the 90's. Went over and took Genevieve & the girls to Club & picked up her clothes & shoes for tomorrow. Temp. continues very high now after the storm it is at 9 30 – 79° and not a breath of air stirring! This has been the longest hot spell in the history of this weather bureau – so they say.

Amherst Golf News

Tuesday, July 4, opened with a morning selected twelve hole tournament which was won by Ted Finn with a 39. The others finished as follows:

Ted Finn, 39; Dr. J. Huntington, 40; Howard Blanchet, 40; Sid Roche, 40; Dr. Rogers, 41; L. Parkinson, 42; E. Sincage, 44; Pete Coyne, 44; Tito Grandonico, 44; Ned Day, 45; William Kimball, 45; Fred Sievers, 46; Ed Elder, 46; Ed Sincage, Jr., 48; Nils Damon, 48; William Cole, 49; Cliff Fawcett, 50; A. Dunn, 55.

After lunch and a little rest the ladies drew names from a hat and the lucky partners by this choice were towed through nine holes of sunshine and rain to finish in this order:

Len Parkinson and Mrs. Sweeney, 31; Jack Ennis and G. Keefe, 34; Roy Gage and Mrs. Kimball, 34; Tito Grandonico and Mrs. Post 34; Ed Sincage and E. Fish, 34; Dr. Rogers and Mary Davidson, 35; Bud Sincage and Mrs. J. C. Daykins, 35; William Kimball and Dot Sincage, 37; L. Murphy and Mrs. Blanchet, 38; A. Dunn and Mrs. Rogers, 38; Ted Finn and Eleanor Finn, 38; Rose Ennis and J. C. Daykin, 38; Al Spelman and Betty Wetherbee, 38; Bert Powers and Mrs. Donaldson, 38; Pete Coyne and Mrs. Damon, 39; Dr. Huntington and Mrs. Roche, 39; G. O'Hara and Tess Phillips, 39; Lt. Sweeney and Mrs. Parkinson, 39; H. Blanchet and Mrs. Dunn, 40; R. Donaldson and Mrs. Powers, 40; Zip Davis and Dot Coyne, 47.

Sounds at Twilight

Burr Powers heckling the golfers coming up to the seventh tee—Tito Grandonico taking bows on the practice green for his afternoon's efforts—Eddie Twohig running around madly trying to get things under control—Mrs. Rogers calling out, "Supper's on"—Ted Finn picking on Sincage for getting him into those tough matches, three matches over the week-end, seven to ten down each first nine, then coming back to square the matches in each case at the end of 18 holes—Ed Murphy, the visiting fireman, spent the day with us, coming from Wilbraham—Bill Kimball kicking about not getting enough strokes on the first tee—Tito Grandonico taking bows on the practice green for his afternoon's efforts—Howard Blanchet explaining how to get low scores with a high handicap—Tito Grandonico complimenting Howard Blanchet on his three decker cake—Zip Davis telling Murphy he doesn't have to get anyone from Wilbraham to lose his matches for him, he can get them at Amherst—Dr. Huntington dropping a 25 foot putt on the practice green after 27 members had failed—Peter Dunn, former pro at Amherst, spent Monday at the club and failed to win his match—Tito Grandonico taking bows on the practice green for his afternoon's efforts.

All members playing against Northampton on Sunday are asked to be at the club early so that matches can be arranged with the Northampton players.

Makes Hole in One

Stephen R. Schreible scored a hole-in-one on the 3d hole Wednesday, using a 3 iron he hit on the green and bounded in. The hole is 190 yds. long. He was playing with John Patrick and Allen Brandt, students of Amherst college.

Aug. 16/44 Went to hospital early – took the day nurses out – Barbara Spencer all going finely – Visit her home. Went to office for long office hours. New patient (an old patient coming back after 4 yrs) then took the mother of my patient Mrs. Cummings over the hour I studied with Jean and then took him to Amherst where I picked up my golf things and then we stopped at the Hotel for Genevieve. It certainly was a mighty hot day but we started for Southbridge just the same. We cooled off somewhat on the way down. We found this country to be by far the prettiest we've been in. Peter soon joined us – and my three played 9 delightful holes – the course is very beautiful and pretty – difficult hazards – water, ditches as well as trees and rocky but it is hilly – very little chance of getting out of bounds. Of course our scores were terrible but we had a grand time and the air was so clear and the course so thrilling that we didn't feel or mind the heat. We had a grand supper at the inn at the Club house and left shortly after 8 for home. It was deliciously cool on the way home and I was appalled to find the house 85 and the temp at 10 P.M. 78 out of doors. This has been the longest torrid wave I have ever known.

Golf Score Card

COHASSE COUNTRY CLUB . .

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Aug 17 Another hot night! Temp. 73 at 3 A.M. Dropped to 70½ at 5.45 – and then began to climb to the low nineties. Very sharp electric storm broke at 2 P.M. – Lights went off when transformers on streets across the street and were four hours later there is no prospect of electricity. Temp dropped to 70 but immediately resumed its tropical heat. The storm went over us there was all equally short & shocking in its immediate vicinity. At 5 it again looked so threatening that I called up Genevieve and she said that she had transportation to Grace Wilcox house where she was going to supper and so I just collected the clothes for the movies which Alice had put up and that was really all I accomplished & left my professional visit to Barbara who is getting along finely. I had office hours as usual this morning and my hospital visit & found all going well. Power & light came on at just 7 P.M.

Aug. 18 Continued hot all night – thermometer did not drop below 70 at all. Began to rain – violent lightning & thunder at about 6 A.M. and continued until about 9 A.M. then cleared off delightfully cool with moderate wind. Now at 1 P.M. the sky is clear again by Percy Clarke and the temp is 74°. Played golf with Prof. Rowland. He beat me 2 up & 1 to play – but it was close enough to be very good fun. Genevieve came over to supper.

Aug. 19 Cold night 2 blankets!! Went to see John Sullivan & he had my new set of uppers all finished – they will need a little fitting but they seem better than my others – home – Palmer & Mrs. Fitzpatrick came to see me! – never had so many visitors at once! Heard on the fortas heart checked!!! – and this is her second baby – Called on Mrs. Perry – is evidently having a very profuse period Bp. 110/60 Haven 85 P. 84 Resp. 20 – Played golf with Kath & Joe – the greatness took!! Then Kath, Jr., Genevieve and I played 9 holes.

Aug 19/44 Genevieve and I came home here to a delicious steak dinner — Peg and Lisa came over to call in evening.

Aug 20/44 Colder night 47°! Went up to Wells' for paper, head etc. Then went to Hospital and cashed checks for tonight. After lunch picked up Genevieve and went up to links, had a foursome match with Jot & Kath. We won 8 to 5 playing points. Jot had beat Bill & Kath the worst!! This was the first time that Genevieve beat Kath this year — we had great fun, Genevieve got a 3 on nr 2 that was the only 3 made! Came home had supper supper but I had to rush right off to the Hospital — a maternity case.

Aug 21 Went to Northampton for office hours — then called on Tim. Went to golf links and played 9 holes with Mr. Dykins, Prof Sievers joined us. I was completely off my game — I hardly made a decent drive! Phil Allen & Lewis Perry sent a telegram urging me to come to Mid-Summer dinner at Taverns — with E. Cowell.

Aug 22 Heard over the radio that Bill Breed is dead. He was a grand fellow and will be an irreparable loss not only to the Taverns but also to Medicine in Boston and the M.G.H. Ben will feel his loss very much. Went to the office for a busy morning this rainy this early morning petered out but the day was very sultry. After lunch John Rode called me to tell me about Bill Breed. Bill had an operation for intestinal obstruction four months ago and malignancy was found. An anastomosis was made but obstruction returned three weeks ago and operation a week ago found abdomen full of carcinoma & he has been uncomfortable since and died last night. Got ready for dinner — Mr. & Mrs. Taft and Mr Mead (J. Taft writes a pay chestnut from Chicago) we had broiled pork chops. I showed them the house. We had a delightful evening. Watched a Northern Pauls warbler behind the house bathing — very close up study — At noon today after my 'instructions' 'Tis been to Gather a nutty day — Office hours until 11 then come home — it was a clear sparkling day with a real tang in the air! Picked up Genevieve at 2:30 and took her shopping in Northampton — met Tim on route & had a nice chat. Went to Hospital and discharged my last 2 patients! No more until Sept.!!! Picked up food for dinner. Genevieve and I looked over old costumes for the Holyoke pageant in August on Saturday; picked out great, great Grandmother Stearns wedding dress (given me by Aunt Carrie) (rose green) it is almost a perfect fit for Genevieve. The Conroys came over & supper and we had a grand time — they stayed until almost eleven!!

Aug 24 Day dawned with heavy rain and very cool. Raced in & went over to get Genevieve to take her to the wedding which was at St. Mary's Church in Northampton Patricia Fallon & Charles Magrath — Jot's daughter. We picked up Tim and were almost the first at the church — we waited outside and almost immediately Tom & Della arrived — Tom to take movies of the wedding. It was a beautiful service and the day cleared off cool clear & autumnal. After the ceremony beautifully carried out in all its sacramental meaning by Mgr. Cummings (the devoted man who baptized the kids & married her father and mother) we went down to Tim's in the Holyoke road for a fine wedding breakfast — really very delicious food and a most friendly, really intimate gathering of about 50! Dan O'Brien and his wife Winifred and Joe two other Hockey daughters and his equally beautiful daughter-in-law. The kids & groom (mere children 22 & 19!) were just as sweet & dear as could be imagined. Unfortunately the telephone Co. in terribly short handed and Genevieve had to rush back for duty before 1 P.M. to relieve Mrs. Conroy who had to take her place so we did not get to Joe's for the final event of the day. Picked up Genevieve at 5 — She was very tired but we had a lovely supper and I took her home at 9 P.M. Dorothy has just started in heat — and that Ruder will take her tomorrow.

Aug 25 Took Dorothy to Ruders and the laundry then to Office. Did not go to Northampton as I have no patients at Wesson!! Went early to golf links

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OPEN HOUSE & RECEPTION

with an old-fashioned

SINGING-BEE

on Saturday afternoon

AUGUST THE 26th, 1944

at 4 o'clock

MUSIC BY THE CHORUS.

(The notes below will indicate the sections which the audience is expected to sing.)

i. When Jesus Wept . . . . Fuguing Tune by Wm. Billings

When Jesus wept, the falling tear
In mercy flowed beyond all bound;
When Jesus groan'd, a trembling fear
Seiz'd all the guilty world around.

ii. Chester . . . . . Hymn by Wm. Billings

(The first verse will be lined out to the Chorus; the second to the audience. Everyone will join in singing the last two verses.)

Let tyrants shake their iron rod
And slav'ry clank her galling chains,
We'll fear them not; we trust in God;
New England's God forever reigns.

Howe & Burgoyne & Clinton, too,
With Prescott & Cornwallis join'd,
Together plot our overthrow,
In one infernal league combin'd.

The Foe comes on with haughty Stride,
Our troops advance with martial noise,
Their Vet'rans flee before our Youth,
And Gen'rals yield to beardless boys.

What grateful Off'ring shall we bring,
What shall we render to the Lord?
Loud Hallelujahs let us Sing,
And praise his name on ev'ry Chord.

iii. Shenandoah . . . . . Sea Chantey

(1) Oh Shenandoah, I long to hear you,
(2) Oh Shenandoah, I love your daughter, Way, hay, you rolling river!
(3) Oh Shenandoah, I'm bound to leave you,

(1) Oh Shenandoah, I long to hear you,
(2) Oh Shenandoah, I love your daughter, Way, hay, we're bound away,
(3) Oh Shenandoah, I'll not deceive you, 'Cross the wide Missouri.

iv. In Good Old Colony Times . . . . . American Ballad

(The audience will join in singing the chorus.)

In good old colony times
When we were under the king
Three roguish chaps fell into mishaps
Because they could not sing!

Because they could not sing, &c.

The first he was a miller,
And the second he was a weaver,
And the third he was a little tailor,
Three roguish chaps together:

Three roguish chaps together, &c.

Now the miller he stole corn,
And the weaver he stole yarn,
And the little tailor stole broadcloth for
To keep these three rogues warm:

To keep these three rogues warm, &c.

The miller got drown'd in his dam,
The weaver got hung in his yarn,
And the devil clapp'd his claw on the
little tailor
With the broadcloth under his arm.

With the broadcloth under his arm,
&c.

v. The Wayfaring Stranger . . . . . White Spiritual

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger,
A-trav'ling through this world of woe;
But there's no sickness, toil nor danger
In that bright world to which I go.
I'm going there to see my father,
I'm going there no more to roam;
I'm just a-going over Jordan,
I'm just a-going over home.

vi. Julia Grover . . . . . New England Ballad

(The audience will join in singing the chorus.)

As I was going to the mill one day,
I met Miss Julia on my way;
She 'spressed a wish that she might ride,
So up jumped Julia by my side.

Chorus

Sit down there, Miss Julia Grover,
Play on your banjo, I'm your lover.
Goin' t'the mill with Julia!

Oh! Julia jumped into the cart,
And that did make the oxen start,
The oxen started and the cart tipped over,
And out went me and Julia Grover!

Julia, the chick of the old blue hen,
Flew at me with fury then,
Scratched my face and tore my hair
And that is all that made me swear.

vii. The Old Man in the Wood . . . . New England Ballad

There was an old man that lived in a wood
As you can plainly see,
Who said he could do more work in a day
Than his wife could do in three.
"If that be so," the old woman said,
"Why this you must allow:
That you shall do my work for a day,
While I go drive the plough."

"But you must milk the tiny cow,
For fear she should go dry;
And you must feed the little pigs
That are within the sty,
And you must watch the bracket hen
Lest she should lay astray;
And you must wind the reel of yarn
That I spun yesterday."

The old woman took the staff in her hand
And went to drive the plough,
The old man took the pail in his hand,
And went to milk the cow.
But Tiny hinched and Tiny flinched
And Tiny cocked her nose,
And Tiny hit the old man such a kick
That the blood ran down to his hose.

'Twas "Hey, my good cow," and "Ho, my good cow,"
And, "Now my good cow, stand still.
If ever I milk this cow again,
'Twill be against my will."
And when he'd milked the Tiny cow,
For fear she should go dry,
Why, then he fed the little pigs,
That were within the sty.

And then he watched the bracket hen
Lest she should lay astray;
But he forgot the reel of yarn
His wife spun yesterday;
He swore by all the leaves on the tree,
And all the stars in heaven,
That his wife could do more work in a day
Than he could do in seven!

viii. Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party

(The audience will sing all of this song.)

In the sky the bright stars glitter'd,
On the bank the pale moon shone;
And 'twas from Aunt Dinah's quilting party,
I was seeing Nellie home.

I was seeing Nellie home, &c.

On my arm a soft hand rested,
Rested light as ocean foam; &c.

On my lips a whisper trembled,
Trembled till it dared to come; &c.

On my life new hopes were dawning,
And those hopes have lived and grown; &c.

ix. Come, Follow Me . . . . . Old Round

Come, follow, follow, follow, follow, follow me.
Whither shall I follow, follow, follow, Whither shall I follow, follow thee?
To the greenwood, to the greenwood, to the greenwood, greenwood tree.

(As members of the Chorus sing the round, they will enter the front door, and it is hoped that the audience will follow them to inspect the House.)

OPEN HOUSE.

(The House will be open from three to four o'clock and after the Music until six. Mrs. Henry Emerson is in charge of exhibits.)

RECEPTION.

(Punch will be served in the garden. Mrs. Clare Luther is hostess.)

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Chorus: Kenneth MacKillop, Jr., *Conductor*

Mrs. Ralph Beebe, Mrs. Reuben Brower, Mrs. Edward Dickinson, Miss Rosemary Gustin, Mrs. Harold Haskins, Mrs. Frank Hays, Miss Genevieve Keefe, Mrs. Charles Morgan, Mrs. Henry Thornton, Mrs. George Whicher, Mr. Andrew Booth, Mr. Harold Elder, Mr. Arthur French, Mr. Reginald French, Mr. Laurence Grose, Mr. Francis Gustin, Mr. William Sanctuary, Mr. Durelle Swan, Mr. Clark Thayer.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TUNE?

Please play_____

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Thank You_____

DANNY PATT
AND HIS
HAMMOND NOVACHORD

Aug 25 (cont) Played with Della & Betty & Agnes they kept beat me — I am still definitely off my throw. Stopped in & see Tom Sullivan at 5 my photo is still bothering me — Genevieve was there having a treatment for her dead tooth — she has rehearsal tonight for the Historical Society show tomorrow.

Aug 26 Still very cool but clear sky looks like a good day for the show. Was at office all morning after lunch went over to Northampton for errands. Picked up Genevieve dressed in Great, great Grandmother Stearns ('The old lady') wedding dress (rose green) with the sheer veil trimmed deep with crimson beads under her neck. It was a big town out and some very interesting & quaint dresses but none as distinguished as Genevieve and none carried off with as much grace. Unfortunately a shower came up and the singing (Genevieve chorus) had to be held inside. Peggy (Whitcomb) Emerson was in charge of the exhibits and was dressed in a really beautiful old costume. The singing was delightful and we all had a mighty nice time — Della Sullivan sat with me at the singing. Genevieve came home to supper and I took her back to Amherst early by the light of a lovely moon. Today was Paul's 62 birthday.

Aug. 27 Cool night. 50° at 6:30 A.M. Went to Mills early for errands & to Rip's. He gave me some fine tomatoes — he has not heard yet about the stuffing pig yet — hope to have it killed for dinner next Saturday. Alice said the tobacco crop might run to 20,000 — hope it does & for at $2.00 be the first break they have had since I have been up here. Picked nearly ½ bushel of tomatoes from my vines. Went to Tims as my photo is still coming going, at 10:30 and home at Genevieve's at 10:45 — still bright and warm although the predictions are for rain today & tomorrow. When I came out of my office this morning at 11:0 clock I saw Al Horner (Boston & Internat) an old friend and colleague of the Baptist Hosp. I brought him over for a brief visit to the old grove — he seemed to enjoy it. He & his wife are staying at the Blondell on N. Pleasant St. for the week end — later I saw them at the 'Strong House'

Strong House Open Saturday Afternoon

The Amherst Historical Society will open the Old Strong House at 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon of the day set aside for observance of the anniversary of its existance. During the open house hour and thereafter during the afternoon's program, the house with the special exhibits, arranged under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Emerson, will be open for inspection.

Under the careful study of Mrs. Clair F. Luther, custodian since the death of her husband Rev. Clair F. Luther six years ago, some special arrangements of historical items have been made, and several valuable items have been added during the past year. The hostesses will point out the special details of the construction of the house, which make it different from many of its particular period; they will show the visitor the tiny closet on the second floor where the spit chain, running up from the huge fireplace in what was originally the kitchen, goes to the top of the house and they will help to count the eight outside entrances. They will explain the mystery of the BeeGee trees on either side of the front stoop.

The committee urges as many as possible to come in old time costumes. This will fit in with the musical program of old songs which will begin at 4, under the direction of Kenneth MacKillop, and in which all are asked to take part. The program too, which have been planned by Francis Fobes and printed in a neighboring printing shop, will be done in the old English style.

In case of rain, the musical program will take place in the Jones library, next door, and where an exhibit of Amherst Historical items is already on view in the art room. Punch will be served in the old house, which is now the headquarters for the Historical society.

The musical program will be as follows:
When Jesus Wept, Fuguing Tune by Wm. Billings; Chester, Hymn by Wm. Billings. (To be "lined out" to audience and chorus); Shenandoah, Sea Chantey; In Good Old Colony Times, American Ballad; The Way faring Stranger, White Spiritual; Julia Grover, New England Ballad; Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party; Come, Follow Me. Round

Observing 200th Anniversary

See Photographs p. 81

Aug 28 Had busy office hours in Northampton — then went to Tims for a short picket & came home for lunch. Went to golf unlicked played with Katie & Joe — then picked up Genevieve and drove with Tim to — the Cox's were neighbors came to dinner we had a very pleasant time.

200th Anniversary of the Historical House
Amherst Historical Society
Saturday, August 26th, 1944

The house will be open to guests from 3 until 4 o'clock.

At 4 o'clock on the lawn in front of the house there will be a program of old songs, ballads and Church tunes by a group in costume, under the direction of Mr. Kenneth MacKillop.

Many in the audience also will be in costume and the public generally are invited to come, if thy care to do so, in an historical costume. This will add to the enjoyment of the occasion.

At about 4:40 the house will again be open for inspection, and punch will be served in the garden.

In case of rain, the program will be given in the auditorium of The Jones Library.

HERVEY C. PARKE, Clerk

Aug. 29 Busy office hours. Took Genevieve up to golf tea.
Aug 30 Sat patients until almost noon. Played golf with Joe, Kath, Tim + Genevieve - the links were crowded. Had quiet supper here and turned in early. Watched an auction with Kath + Joe in P.M.
Aug 31 Busy office hours. Played golf in P.M. Very hot and muggy. Genevieve had a golf committee meeting so did not come over to supper.

Sept 1st August was the hottest dryest months in the history of the U.S. whether Bureau or it appears. And again today it is very hot and humid. Had very busy office hours - seeing all my patients before going away next week. Genevieve came over to supper and then we picked up a friend of hers at the Lord Jeff and went to the movies - saw a really "marvelous picture" of acting by Bette Davis and Rains - + "Mrs Skeffington."

Sept 2 Went to office early and saw several patients then did the necessary errands getting home for a snack of lunch and then I began preparing the pig for roasting. It took a good hour. Turned in the hay at 2:45! Pedlerday Genevieve and Joe straightened out the house and got all ready before Tim, Joe + Kath arrived at 6:30. Tom + Della arrived just before seven.

Sept 2/44 (cont) To have been able to enjoy another of most enjoyable evenings of my life at Jim + Huntingtons Forty Acres I thank God I.C. Baby — I follow in Dear Tims sentiment - Della Sullivan To continue these evening get-togethers is an exceptional privilege Tom —
Even tho the piggy was luscious, I did not enjoy seeing her cooking. It seemed inhuman - Silly ain't I? Gewk
Once again a happy gathering of the old gang with my dear Joe. Kathleen.
Pigs are Pigs: Suckling pig is more than pig: Same old crowd With same fine hospitality JBFarmer
We had a 16 lb. 'suckling pig' with fixings and it really was prime. I was a bit at a loss as how to serve it but it proved very simple. I think it was as delicate meat as I have ever tasted! We had a very quiet evening a few stories but a lot of cozy intimate reactions while a rather mild storm with a fair moment of heavy hail dropped the temp nearly 20 degrees.

Sept 3 Timmie told us that mass was at 10:30 at St Marys in Northampton - he was wrong! However we got to the French Church in time to be respectable. We came home for a hurried lunch of cold pig and then went on to the golf links where Genevieve played nine holes against Kath in the Winsome Foursome and was defeated. Joe + I played a foursome against Hasson + John Sullivan we beat them handsomely. Had good fun at dinner at the Club and left right afterwards as Genevieve was very tired. I turned in the Blatchford wagon as I had a very good offer from Kath.

Sept 4 Went to ambulance early and got to the golf links about 10 and waited + waited for Joe who had put 10:30 as the time for the match. Finally our opponents were getting rather peeved I defeated at 16 up. Joe arrived shortly afterwards at the Genevieve and I had played three holes

Sept 4 Joe was quite upset because of my actions but I knew it was the only thing to do. Joe & Kath joined us and we had a very good supper. Generous got a 61 and I a 52. We came home to late lunch and spent the afternoon really relaxing as it was relaxant and not very exciting for a change.

Sept 5 At thirty after midnight there was a very sharp earthquake which lasted about 20 seconds the house shook noisily and I heard the window weights pounding but it was not severe enough to wake us. We stayed in bed and dozed until 8 o'clock when we got up and had breakfast in the old house. Now at 7½ I am all packed and both houses are locked up and I am off in a few minutes for a real vacation at Toy Town Tavern with Generous!

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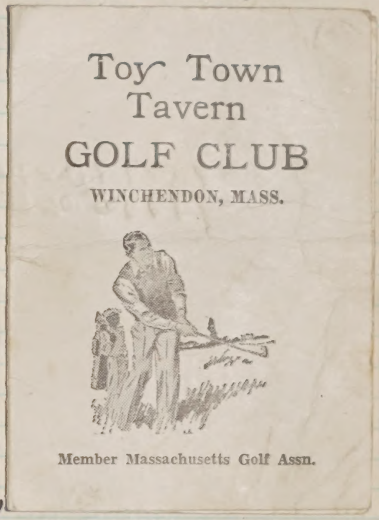

Sept. 9th Back from my first vacation. Generous and I went to Winchendon on the 5th reaching the hotel at 11 a.m. after a very beautiful run of some 40 miles only. Rain in the P.M. kept us indoors that afternoon. We had very comfortable quarters and found the food delicious. The next morning the guests pleasant and we played 9 holes in the morning and again 9 holes in the P.M. We found the course very long and hard enough! We visited the cocktail lounge this P.M. Should have noted that we went to the movies the first evening and saw a very jolly good musical show in Technicolor "Pin up Girl" Betty Grable etc.

On Thursday we played 5 holes in the morning and it looked very much like a bad storm so we came back and Generous played the piano in the play room. The clouds all rolled away and a beautiful clear afternoon and a hot one - in fact almost too hot! We played six holes in the P.M. and we found it quite enough for the day.

Friday was a beautiful clear day and we left about 10 a.m. for the East. First Lawrence and we lunched with Genevieve Hunt Porter and her mother. At 2 we left for Ipswich and found the trip pretty long — we found the house on Crane Point very easily. The house lies just back from the harbor on a nice hill overlooking the water with very nice pine trees in the back. Margaret was most cordial and after we changed into comfortable clothes we went down to the float meeting Jack on the way and we went back with him to see his boat — afterwards Porter. We had flounder caught that afternoon for supper. After supper we took a walk a couple of miles or so along the shore getting a good idea of the harbor. We retired early. After breakfast next morning, Saturday, we

Sept 9th — took a look at the old part of Hingham — the Gen. Lincoln monument & the old houses — we did not attempt to go in as not knowing when we would meet. Then we said good bye and started for Amherst. We stopped for lunch in Oxford at the "Nichols"! We had a very good lunch and reached Amherst at 3:30 P.M. Genevieve was pretty tired and had much to do to get ready for Hartford tomorrow when I got home I telephoned to Bob Blume and found that all had been very quiet hardly a call since I left. Mrs. Story had a nice Saturday for me however!

Sept. 10 — Called early this morning — a multifarious with ruptured membrane to Hartford today — and it is a perfect day for golf. Went to Hospital around ten and found that I had practically the whole day ahead of me — of course we could not go to Hartford but I came home to lunch and then Genevieve and I went to the links and played 9 holes — very good ones both of us were in pretty good form she got a 61 with 10 on no. 7 and I got 54 or it was really a match with both of us playing in studs! Called up Hospital from the Club and decided that supper would be drawing it pretty close so I went direct to Hospital but found I could come home for supper & got back to Hospital around 9 and my baby came very normally at 11:30 a.m. / Very boy. Came home and turned in at once

Sept. 11 — Mrs. Tolles called between 2:30 and I sent her right in and went over reading Hospital before they got there. She labored in very active labor and the baby came at 4:30. all went very well. Went to bed and pulled up Genevieve and we had a good match in a.m. — coming home early for luncheon and in the afternoon "the Trotter" squad with the Chief Operator Miss Parker came over to see the house — they had a very good time apparently. I took a nap after they left and Genevieve woke me up when we came home from Amherst. We had a delightful supper — home early.

Sept. 12 — Looked a bit like rain around in early morning. Went to Hospital early and then long office hours and then a delightful [illegible] hour with Fr Lane. Genevieve came for me and we had lunch here. While she was preparing for the evening at the Club it began to rain in earnest by ten o'clock but very gently and the party went over just the same — I went over and gathered up the things and brought them home.

Sept. 13 — Rain — went to Hospital early and then on to the office for a long busy morning. Came home with Genevieve for lunch. Genevieve picked up the "night squad" at 2 P.M. and I followed them to the house — we had a very pleasant time. Took Genevieve home after early supper. Rain seems practically over. Am somewhat worried about a hurricane 250 miles off Florida coast very high winds 140 miles an hour — at first sight it might strike the Virginia Coast — am waiting up to hear the late weather reports. Looks as if the Eastern seaboard was in for a gale if not a hurricane!

Sept 14 — Early reports (before 7) seem to show that North Carolina will be struck by hurricane sometime this morning. Intermittent showers continued during morning. Went to Springfield with Genevieve & see Dr. Wesson they ought and then went to a very good movie "Waterloo Bridge" with the same actress that did "Gone with the Wind" Vivien L. Got back to her room via radio that the hurricane was due to strike New England between 2 & 10 tonight. We had supper and I left Genevieve's home — hardly a breath stirring and for rain but very warm, humid and heavy clouds. Listened to Radio and heard that the storm was moving very slowly New York Boston reporting a velocity of 80 miles an hour. Slept from 12 to 4 and never at about 4 P.M. and my lights went out and the Radio

Sept 14/44 slept[illegible] at 10[15] I am writing this by candle light and so far I have heard no trees fall but the gale is terrific. My telephone is still in it & groans off & on when it does go off I shall try & get to the Hospital. It is raining hard but not harder than we have often had it. Telephone went off about 11[20] but the storm was raging & I did not realize[illegible]. The wind came in gusts – not like the steady pressure of the 1938 hurricane but when they came they must have clocked nearly 100 miles an hour and there was always that thought 'Now the steady pressure is going to begin' – but it didn't. With candles I got along fairly well – frightfully unhappy and expecting every second to hear the crashing of crashed & falling trees but not much wind

Sept. 15/44 resumed and after a couple of hours the gusts became fewer and fewer and lasting shorter & shorter and the stars came out – most welcome sight – then about 3 A.M. I saw lights coming slowly up the road and I realized that the path was not marked [illegible] to the village so I got up at once and went to the Hospital – by candle light down between here and the R.R. tracks but nothing unfavorable however below the tracks a tree – a huge one – across the road so I turned & [illegible] by Henry Gay to the house & on to the Northampton R.R. When I got to the Hospital I found that all was quiet – that the telephones and lights were on and I went to sleep at once to wake about 7 A.M. Genevieve was the only worried because she could not reach me earlier. I went over to Amherst and we had a very happy breakfast at the 2nd Jeffery's. Telephone service was restored at the office early in P.M. and at Forty acres in early evening so I am sleeping less tonight.

Sept. 16 no lights or ice chest so went to Amherst to have first telephone connection at 9 P.M. when two of the visiting nurses light & power came on in early evening.

Sept 17 called early to Hospital so could not go to church my patient had a fine boy at 11[20] A.M. Genevieve and I played golf in P.M.

Sept. 18 Office hours in Northampton – very busy then went to Hospital. Stopped in to see Tom and we played golf in P.M. Genevieve came via to suppers sent in 2 patients to Hospital and they both are now in waters [illegible] so shall spend night in Hospital.

Sept. 19 both babies arrived between 6 & 7 this A.M. all went well. Office hours in Am

Keefe - Huntington

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Nov. 11th I have been so busy and so late with so many other things that I have neglected my log book! But no very important events have taken place. I have had more than my share of babies and two very critical cases of hemorrhage post partum due to fibroids in the uterus wall. Both are now doing well after hysterectomy. Sherman Dudley brought his sister over to see me and that really was an event – Mrs. Marshall from Holyoke came with the baby. Genevieve is feeding more & more every time and that makes me very happy. Again Sherman came up here about and played with me & called a Governor on the morning of the !! I think note that of the Annual meeting of the Golf Club I was elected Vice President. Why I shall never know!! as Mrs. Pettibone would say. Because of my intended marriage after divorce Fr. Lane says that I am no longer in contention to get instructions in the Catholic Church as I could never be confirmed. Genevieve and I went to the Opera Carmen in Northampton and to see Wilson in Palmer at Amherst.

Nov. 11 Oct. 31 was a really beautiful month but I only got a chance to play golf a few times because I was so busy. Aunt Ruth took Elsie at the grand piano and it fits into the living room wonderfully well. I sold the old chevy desk to Adams for $40. I bought at an auction in Northampton a West Brookfield for $38 as I remember it and it cost me $10 to get it fixed up — it was a big job for the boys and the drawers stuck & were very difficult to use. Genevieve's little maple desk really is much better — Ethel Hall Bennett sofa that Constance sent back from England has completely gone out and is at Chelsea waiting for an upholstery to make it right. We have the little piano for a time now. Genevieve is painting the metal tables in my office and has put very gay curtains in the windows. Dominion is having bear trouble again and is quite miserable with it. Sally Seeton's Cameron and played in the pair with Genevieve. The piano really belongs there & will when Aunt Ruth dies. It has been raining hard on the last 2 days but clearing this P.M.

Nov. 12 Cold windy night but appears clear — saw the flying crescent moon in the East towards morning. Called at Boyd's and paid him for having the chest pulled last week. We are planning to rent a freezing vault for meat etc. at Northampton. Last week Panama put electric lights in the closets in my office and the dressing room. Genevieve and I went to lunch with the W. Jewetts just over the Belchertown line from Amherst on the Old Bay Rd. to my surprise & delight. Tom Abney my first house officer in the Pregnancy Clinic at the B.L.I., from Fall River was there with his new wife. We had a grand party and Genevieve & I did not get back here until after 5 o'clock. We had delicious food & chicken from our little chest and in the evening went to North Amherst to a concert in the Congregational Church — the choir was excellent the double quartet not so good! Beautiful clear night not cold!

Nov. 13 Very busy office hours in Northampton actually four new obstetrical patients there appointed out. Dropped in to see Tim and he persuaded me to play golf — it was a beautiful day and we played 8 holes & had enough. On the telephone has rendezvoused that is my last game. Genevieve came over for supper.

Nov. 14 Long busy day in office. Mrs Fairfield (Parke) brought the baby in to show to me and I had to go to Hospital before office hours. One new patient! Beautiful day even milder than yesterday. In the evening took Genevieve to Amherst for a lecture at Stone's Hall at meeting in Williamsburg. Then I came back to Hospital saw my patients & finished my records finally about 12 o'clock. Genevieve came back to Hospital and I took her home. Miss Clifton Johnson spoke most delightfully & is black.

Nov. 15 Mrs Fairfield (Parke) came in to see me early — has felt sure it's for 24 hours — not at all heart-beginning! Long busy morning. Genevieve and I hoped to go to Ashfield — but rainy but Mrs Cooney came to talk about closing the Amherst office and her traveling for the rest of the week & Northampton and so she came over here for a long delightful afternoon — home early.

Nov. 16 Office hours started until noon — then Hospital and after lunch I took a long nap the cold rain of the morning and late night had turned to snow and now after supper the ground is white with very very wet snow and it is still falling. There's a lunch at Genevieve's tonight. Got a call to Hospital and had a baby shortly after midnight.

Nov. 17 Genevieve has given many beautiful & useful things last night including several sheets which we needed desperately. Busy day

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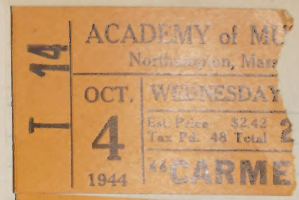

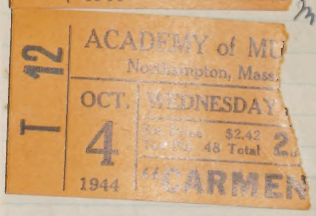

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I hear it had been yes to report my visit to the Chr.

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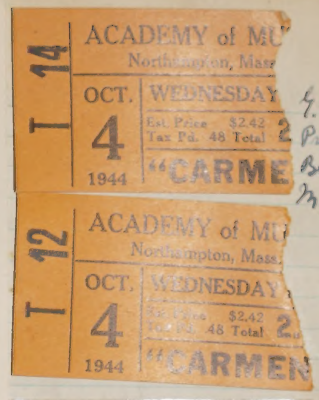
Sincerely
Sherman



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Frasquita	Elizabeth Carron
Mercedes	Siroon Mangurian
Gypsies, friends of Carmen	
Micaela, a country girl	Enya Gonzalez
Zuniga, a Captain in the Almanza Regiment	Val Patacci
Don Jose, a Sergeant	Irwin Dillon
Morales, a Sergeant	Carlos Sherman
Escamillo, a Toreado	Edwin Steffe
Dancairo	Emile Renan
Remendado	Karl Laufkoetter*
Smugglers	
Lillas Pastia, an Innkeeper	Walter Graf
A Guide	John Jameson
Première Danseuse	Anne Simpson*
Premier Danseur	Leon Varkas*

ACT II. (Gypsy Dance)
Anne Simpson, Cristina Morales, Leon Varkas

ACT IV. 1. Entr'acte
Anne Simpson & Leon Varkas
2. "Gitane"
Anne Simpson
3. "Farandole"
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Scene and period: Seville, Spain; about 1820

ACT I. A square in Seville
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ACT IV. Scene 1—Spanish Dances
Scene 2—Escamillo's Dressing Room

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They are dropping ... Halloween dances this year ... with our grinding hands ... we sure do press a thumb!

Sincerely

Sherman

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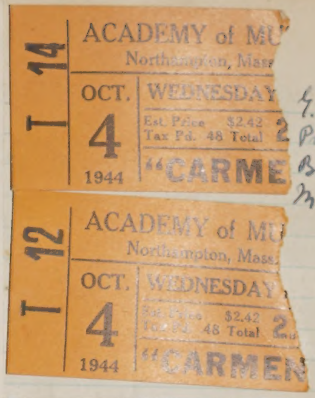

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Nov. 17/44 (cont) In office then visit at Hospital. In the evening went to a Golf Committee meeting at Jan Sallows — accomplished a lot. We had a great time and continued in reminiscences after midnight. Della provided delicious food! and drinks!

Nov. 18 Rather quiet day in office. Went to golf club and took down the shades + the curtains down stairs. Took the shades to Amherst Blanchetts + the drapes to the Amherst Cleaners. Brought home my clubs, balls + more old novels + sheets and left my clothes off. Lunched at the 'Candy Kitchen' with Genevieve and then we came home early. Had supper at 5:30 and went to see Monty Woolley and a good cast in 'When the wife are Smiling' Very tuneful and entertaining but not a great movie by any manner of means. Beautiful clear day!

Nov. 19 Went to 10 o'clock mass at St. Marys then on to the Hospital all going well — beautiful sunny day. Sister telephoned that Little Sam was quite ill — had a comfortable early time 4 P.M. I telephoned in evening and talked with Sue — she reported practically complete recovery — Mrs Butterworth and Mrs. Stiles came over for roast pig supper!! It was good and we had a most pleasant time. Clear cool day.

Nov. 20 Fairly busy day at Office then went to Hospital — discharged Mrs. Evans the boy died mercifully well — am reporting her case to Mrs. Humphries tomorrow night at the staff meeting. Dropped in to see Tim at room in Farnsworth where he was working on his assignment — they took out the motor finding a defective part as I gather there is now more oil than in the sump where for a while! Genevieve came over to supper but went home early + I turned in at 9 P.M.

Nov. 21 Dark cold morning after a mild night — temp 40 at 6 A.M. — now the number of cases due or overdue has risen to 5!! Light day in the office for I went to Belchertown + got my turkey from Cleveland. Now this dark dull day P.M. I am nursing a slight cold and getting ready for the staff meeting tonight when I present 2 cases + discuss a third (cause puerperal insanity of the others!) Mrs. Fairfield was in confinement this A.M. but clearly not in labor — home back.

Nov. 22 Went to office early and had a pretty quiet day — one new one tomorrow. After a leisurely lunch at the Soda fountain, I picked up Genevieve and we went to Springfield. Genevieve got a hat which was exactly what she wanted and which was most becoming also a dress which was all to her taste. We got knives + forks for the set we are gradually acquiring. After these errands we came back to the Hospital and I made my visit on poor Mrs. F. who had her stillborn infant (her offspring came) very early and uneventfully about 3:30 this A.M. Then we came home to a delicious meal of pork chops + apple sauce! We had a grand evening together after a most successful day. When I got home from Amherst I stuffed the Turkey tomorrow it is about 11:30

Nov. 23 Cold night but clear this morning. Up before six. Put my turkey on to roast at 8:15 A.M. Made my visit at the Hospital and found all well. Picked up Genevieve at 9:30 and we had a grand day together. The turkey was absolutely perfect — perfectly cooked and the dressing was all one could desire. Alice Comins made a squash pie as only she can make them. I covered up the tea roses for the Winter. It was a beautiful day — almost mild. Bright sunshine all day long!

Nov. 24 Wrote letters last night until almost midnight — invitations & the 'tea' after the wedding! Cold night! 23° at 6 this morning. Got to office early as Mrs Kidder thought she might be in labor — but she was not. Discharged Mrs Bradd and had a long talk with Leon about Lonny. Mr. telephoned before I left for Hospital for my lectures at 3 O'clock — sent her in and examined her just after my lectures — then Mrs Lyman arrived before 6 P.M. Another patient telephoning around eight and I expect her in at 10 P.M.

Nov 25 Did not have to go to Hospital until around 3 A.M. and by that time another patient had started in labor. Stayed on at the Hospital and one patient

Nov. 25/44 (cont) delivered at 10.20 A.M. and this closed part of room — all went well. Picked up Genevieve at 2.30 and she spent the P.M. here — weather ugly. Well I waffled! We went to Mrs. Todd's for a party at about 7 P.M. and had a delightful time — Genevieve looking very charming in her new Springfield dress as easily the center of attraction and everyone wanted to meet her. We stayed long after midnight & giggled & gossiped & came home and had a mighty good time.

Nov. 26 Genevieve was not quite up to church so we spent a quiet day here. Dr. & Mrs. Edmonds came over to call in the P.M. especially to see Genevieve — Genevieve went home early and was at 9.30 A.M. I don't remember why!

Nov 27 Called by patient around 3 A.M. sent her in to hospital but she was in very small labor so did not go over until after dinner — found that she was just starting. Had my office hours as usual and then went back to hospital found pt. making fair progress. Dropped in to see Tim — he has a cold but seemed quite himself. Came home to lunch and then went back to hospital — my baby came a little before 4 P.M. Took Genevieve to East hampton in search of a typewriter advertised in the Easthampton City. Genevieve thought it a good buy — It really need me — this, an L.C. Smith seemed in excellent condition and well worth the $47.50 we paid for it. Had fried turkey supper and Genevieve went home early. I worked on my lists and wrote letters until almost midnight!

Nov. 28 Dark cold morning — trying to snow. Went to office early. Mr. Newspaper went to Hospital with Genevieve after breakfast and we got real work done — she had only one visit but they could not get my Rh antibody the 3rd attempt! — Took down! Then we dropped in to see Tim — he was very low with a bad cold but we cheered him up. Then Genevieve came home here to another turkey supper. Snowing tonight. Beautiful clear day. Went to Amherst for day office hours. Dropped in to see Genevieve at her office. Went to Hospital all going well. Came home to lunch and after that a long nap to make up for last night! Then went down to Ritters pond and made applications for more gas points, called on Tommy Gaylord & his wife and invited them for the 29th then came home to supper and worked on my lists for the wedding and wrote letters.

Nov. 30 High wind & heavy rain — day & night — River full but not over flowing! Long office hours — up to room! One new case. Took long nap in P.M. and worked on records until almost midnight — What a day records & mean paper work in readying wedding! Also preparations such as punch!!

Dec. 1 Cooler — flowers of mine. Took Lumley over early & saw patient until almost eleven! New case. Then into Parke & Davis Hospital. Went to Palmer for fuel etc. Fuel on my visit at Mrs. Hellerman's — it is a beauty! Genevieve was there & thoroughly approved. Had supper here and made many plans & went through her lists making additions and subtractions. Heard over the radio that Duke O'Neil died this morning — he was really a great friend — he lived with me for 2 or 3 summers and we used to have great times together. He was a very able G.P. man & ranked high in his specialty. The story of how he lost his eyesight & got it back is a favorite of mine. He lived directly back of me — across the alley — he on Beaumont, I on Marlborough!

Dec 2 Went to Hospital before office hours in Amherst. Then saw Genevieve last day at the office — I brought back the little quantities. Mr. Cooney brought Genevieve over after 2 P.M. and I had lunch ready for her when I got afterwards. John Duffy came down at noon & took brought the chest of drawers over from the old house also the pastel prints for the dining room — We put the little Mahogany dining tables down cellar. Dr. Tilden came over & has promised to do the floors before Christmas & touch up the pictures. In the evening we went to a recital by Mary Van Kleeck at College Hall she has a wonderful voice but no flexibility of body — stiff and unbecoming & she makes up faces! Very cold. 5°

Dec 3/44 Coldest morn of the season 13° at 6.30.
Dec 4 Did a Caesarean (Lod) on Mrs. H. Pabst at 5 a.m. all went well. Office hours started after 12 — one new patient. Went to Hospital — all going well. Called on Tommy — he is very poorly — bad bronchial cold, can't swallow. Took rest in P.M. and then went back to Hospital for P.M. visit and picked up Genevieve at 5. Had delicious supper of liver from my little pig! Took her home early.

Dec 5 Freddie's birthday! How I miss him but perhaps it is just as well. I had believed this happiness possible could not have come into my life & I could be in the Church and instead of him — but he was a grand fellow! Went to Amherst early — lovely clear morning and not so cold — fine untill nearly noon. Came home for lunch. Called on Joe Fallon and he signed his Health Certificate. The boy is that Tim was in the Hospital with pneumonia. Called on O'Brien & fixed him #462. then did errands — meeting Mr. Butler & the reception. Went to Hospital found patient doing well called on Tim — he is sick! Uncle "Daffy" is dying — found him in coma — Ben will be sorry to hear it. Home after supper & have finished my visits and am turning in fairly early. The golfing ladies and Genevieve & silver shower tonight!!

Dec 6 Went to Amherst early — very busy office hours, one new case! Genevieve had a great time at the shower last night and was given the salad forks to match her flat silver. Took her to Northampton and we lunched together — then I went to Hospital found all going well & Tim much better. Came home and started things for dinner. Picked up Mildred Brison, Mrs. Frank Curtis nurse and a friend of Genevieve. Showed her the house it was bitterly cold. Then we went to Northampton & picked up Genevieve and came back to a delicious dinner of the ham of my latest pig — a shoat of 65 lbs. The ladies went home early — before 8.

Dec 7 Busy office hours — untill nearly noon then came home here & lunch. Went to Hospital late in P.M. all going very well. Tim seems better but improvement is slow most. Genevieve came home here & supper but went home early — heard from Scates & Creighton's Well.

Dec 8 Very little doing in office today came home for early lunch. Tots Long rest in P.M. Picked up Genevieve and called on Tim at Hospital — seems very little better today, was yesterday poor. he will not be able to make our party on the 24th. Genevieve here for supper but went home early. Cold raw night. Went to Ben. I think that Nigel Andrews (and Betty's Grand child) has a son that makes our two great great nephews not really but a great great nephew for John & Roger!!

Dec 9 Went to office early — quite mild fully like Winter in Vermont or Northern Florida!! Saw a couple of patients then went to Hospital and finding all well & Tim about the same I picked up Genevieve and we came home for a delightful afternoon and evening!!

Dec 10 Slept late & unrested. Got letters & did errands at 8 A.M. & went to Hospital at 10. Found Tim about the same. My patient doing well. Picked up Genevieve for lunch at 1 P.M. & she spent a very busy and quiet day here, writing letters and ironing.

Dec 11 Went to Northampton early for office hours then on to the Hospital. Found Tim about the same. Picked up Genevieve at 5 at the Northampton office and we had supper here.

Dec 12 Went to Amherst early — office hours all the morning, then came home here for lunch — worked in garden all afternoon getting ready for the 24th. Found I had plenty of plates, plenty of glasses just enough cups & saucers but 3 too few spoons, okay & the same number of forks, lacking however Della Sullivan has promised to help me out if need be — I hope Scates can help some also. In the evening Tots

Dec. 13

Generieve to the B.P.W. meeting and then went to Hospital and brought all my records up to date - everyone out & will close this new year with no left over. Picked up Genevieve at 9:30 this morn presents with a large mail - packages - quite well.

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November 20, 1944 E. C. Cooney, *Manager*

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[illegible] with a baby almost every day this last week and all has gone very well. Presents have been coming in almost daily & Genevieve present nearly every day over here. We had a lovely little tree and [illegible] on the stairs and a lovely Holly wreath so felt that we were really celebrating. Sisters went back to Boston and Genevieve & Ambert to the P. M.

Dec 27 Sisters arrived from Boston in the early afternoon everything was ready for the Xmas dinner party dinner. Tom & Dell [illegible] Sam, Tim, Cecilia, Joe & Kate, Genevieve & I completed the [illegible]. We had one bottle of Mumm's Extra Dry 1929 & two other bottles of 1925 French Champagne & a delicious turkey from Holland Farm in Belchertown. We had a most delightful evening.

Dec. 28 Blizzard raged all day high wind & drifting snow made the avenue impassible almost as soon as cleared. & had to be dug out a couple of times and in the evening when we were going to Ambert for dinner not only was & stuck in the drifts way but my battery went dead. However we got to the 2nd floor for dinner and Genevieve took all her belongings & did and came back to Forty acres forever. (!)

Dec. 29 Sisters left today. Cleared off during night and early in the [illegible] others Belmonte with a gang came up and completely shovelled us out with ample parking space.

Dec. 3/44 Coldest morn of the season 13° at 6.30.
Dec. 4 Did a Cesarean (2nd) on Mrs. H. Pabst at 5 a.m. all went well. Office hours started after 12 — one new patient. Went to Hospital — all going well. Called on Tommy — he is very poorly — bad bronchial cold, am worried. Took xrays at P.M. and then went back to Hospital for P.M. visit and picked up Genevieve at 6. Had delicious supper of liver from my little pig! Took her home early.

Dec. 5 Freddie's birthday! How I miss him but perhaps it is just as well, I had believed this happiness probably could not have come into my life & I would be in the Army and instead of him — but he was a grand fellow! Went to Amherst early — lovely clear morning and not so cold — put patients nearly notes. Came home for lunch. Called on Jos Fallon and he signed our Health Certificates. He told me that Tim was in the Hospital with pneumonia. Called on O'Brien & found him 462. then did errands — inviting Mr. Butler to the reception. Went to Hospital found patient doing well called on Tim — he is sick! Uncle "Duffy" is dying — found him in coma — Ben will be sorry to hear it. Home after supper & have finished my visits and am turning in fairly early. The golfing ladies are giving Genevieve a shower tonight!!

Dec. 6 Went to Amherst early — very busy office hours, one new case! Genevieve had a great time at the shower last night and was given the salad forks to match her flat silver. Took her to Northampton and we lunched together — then I went to Hospital found all going well & Tim much better. Came home and started things for dinner. Picked up Mildred Brison, Mrs. Frank Curtis' nurse and a friend of Genevieve. Showed her the house as was fairly well. Then we went to Northampton & picked up Genevieve and came back to a delicious dinner of the ham of my latest pig — a shoat of 65 lbs. The ladies went home early — before 8.

Dec. 7 Long office hours until nearly noon then came home here to lunch. Went to Hospital late in P.M. — all going very well. Tim seems better but improvement is slow most. Genevieve came home here to supper but went home early — heard from Scates & Creighton's Well.

Dec. 8 Very little doing in office today came home for early lunch took long nap in P.M. Picked up Genevieve and called on Tim at Hospital — seems very little better today, than yesterday poor lad will not be able to make even party on the 24th. Genevieve here for supper but went home early. Cold rainy night. Mrs. O'Brien thinks that Nigel Anderson (and Betty's grandchild) has a son that makes our Betty great-great nephew not really but a great-great nephew for John & Roger!

Dec. 9 Went to office early — quite rushed fully like Winter in Vermont or rather Florida!! Saw a couple of patients then went to Hospital and finding all well & Tim about the same I picked up Genevieve and we came home for a delightful afternoon and evening!!

Dec. 10 Slept late in pursuit. Got letters & did errands at 8 A.M. & went to Hospital at 10. Found Tim about the same. Very patient doing well. Picked up Genevieve at Amherst at 11 Clock & she spent a very busy and quiet day here, writing letters and ironing.

Dec. 11 Went to Northampton early for office hours then on to the Hospital. Found Tim about the same. Picked up Genevieve at 5 at the Northampton office and we had supper here.

Dec. 12 Went to Amherst early — office hours all the morning, then came home here to lunch — worked during all afternoon getting ready for the 24th. Found I had plenty of plates, plenty of glasses just enough cups & saucers but 3 or 4 spoons only & the right number of forks, except Harvey Dell & Sullivan have promised to help me out of trouble — I hope Scates can bring some up. In the evening took

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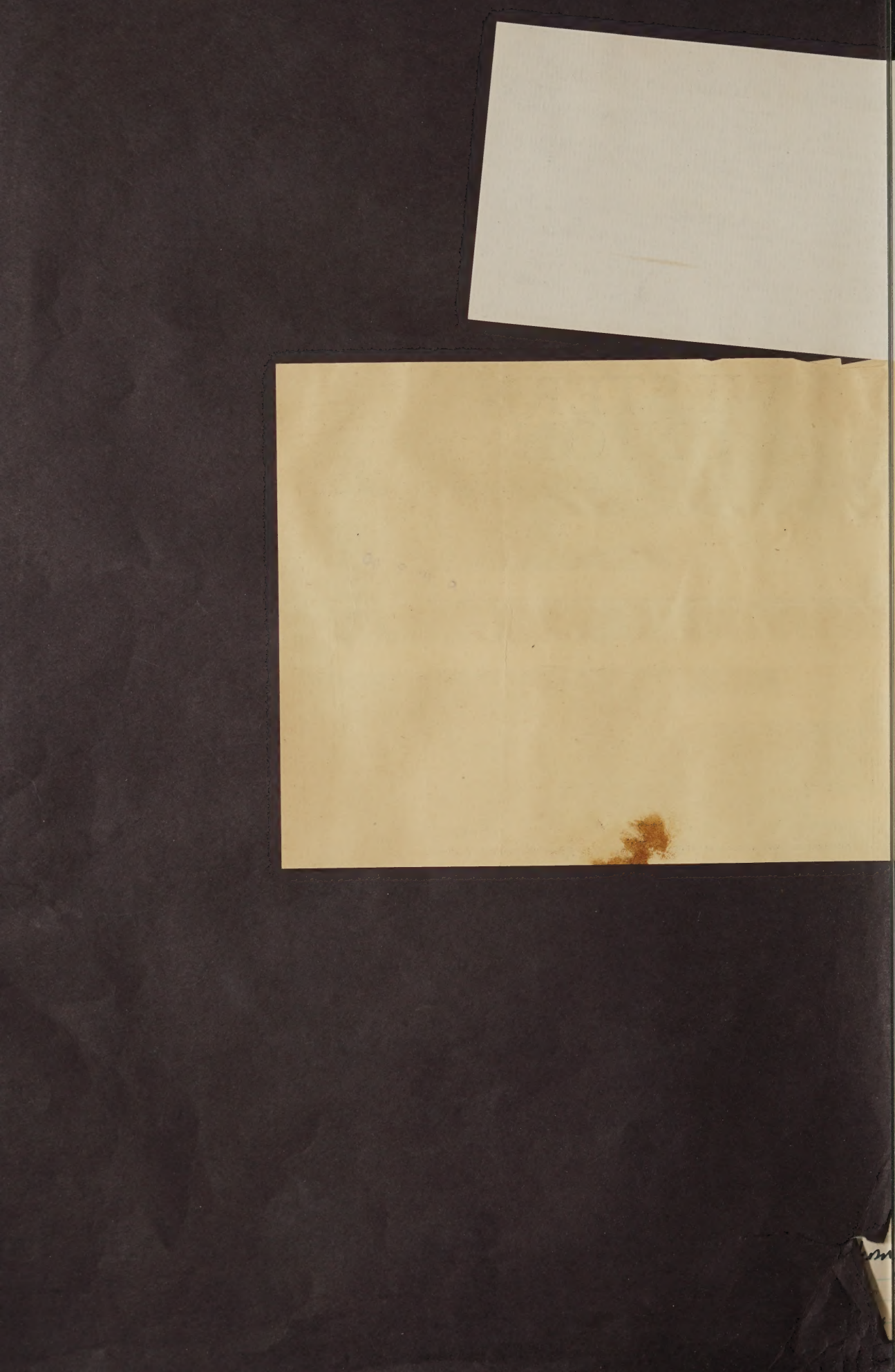

Dec. 13 Generous to the "B.P.W." meeting and then went to Hospital and brought all my records up to date - very busy day. I will close this new year with no left overs. Picked up Genevieve at 9:30 she was presented with a large bowl - pendleton - quite well.

Dec. 13/44 Went to Amherst early & rec'd patients all morning then came home to lunch - found Mrs. Gilcrest hard at work - both her sons home. Picked up Genevieve at 5 P.M. - we went to the Hospital where I rec'd my patients and Genevieve called on Fern who was up for a little visit today - he looks much better. Joe Fellon came in while we were there and he says Fern will be on her feet on good as ever by the 29th. Genevieve came over to supper and then I took her home early.

Dec. 14/44 Sarepta all the morning then went to Hospital. Fern is improving slowly. Picked up Genevieve at 5 as she finished her last day with the N.E. T.T.!!! We dressed here and then went down to the Roger Smith in Holyoke where the Company was giving Genevieve a farewell dinner. Mr. Potter, Mr & Mrs. Gorney and some 20 girls with Lou Shenkarik were there. It was a very friendly and informal reunion and they presented Genevieve with a very handsome framed water color painting by a famous Russian artist - Flem de Lisle Gorgeous - very devoted. We got home before ten after a very pleasant evening.

Dec. 15 Went to office early and Genevieve joined me a little after 11 ready for dinner & dishes. Came over here to lunch and then I took her to the trains in Greenfield. Stopped at the Hospital on my way home. Fern is much stronger, plans to go home in a couple of days at the latest.

Dec 16 Went to office early and had a very busy morning. Then over to the Hospital and discharged my last patient - Fern plans to go home tomorrow is up and about. Mr. H. gives ready for delivery in Hospital with bad cold & slight pneumonia. Pt. started contraction in early evening baby arrived at 9:20 all went well.

Dec. 17 Slept late 6:30 - ! Went to Palmer for errands, got a little Christmas tree. Went to Hospital around 10. Jr. reading Tim Anstiss day because Mrs Bebee is sick!. Genevieve telephoned in P.M. - her family not coming up for X & called up Peter Dixon & also Elsa Brown & invited them to our party.

Dec. 18 Went to Northampton early & rec'd patients all morning busy - one new case. Went to Hospital between 12 & 1 found Tom had gone home shortly before. Went to Greenfield in late P.M. met by Genevieve - the trains stay on time and were we glad to see each other!! Had a daly lunch together and then took her home to the Lord Jeff very early.

Dec. 25 Christmas day - Sisters arrived late in the afternoon on Dec. 23 and the aunt Genevieve have been here ever since. It has been very busy with a baby almost every day this last week and all have gone very well. Presents have been coming in almost daily & Genevieve present nearly every day over here. We had a lovely little tree and with candles on the stairs and a lovely little tree we felt that we were really celebrating. Sisters went back to Boston and Genevieve & Amherst this P.M.

Dec 27 Sisters arrived from Boston in the early afternoon everything was ready for the bridal party dinner. Tom & Dell, Emeline and Tim, Sisters, Joe & Kate, Genevieve & I completed the parties. We had one bottle of Mumm's Cordon Rouge 1929 & two bottles of 1928 French champagne & a delicious turkey from Holland Farm in Belchertown. We had a most delightful evening.

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Dec 29/44

Genevieve and I went to Northampton early and got the papers from O'Brien then we went to Hadley & turned them in and got our release from Hadley then to Amherst where Genevieve did the same thing! We certainly were happy when all this was accomplished. On the return we picked up flowers for Eleanor Lyon from Katherine having previously via Northampton gotten the beautiful poinsettias and the orchids for Genevieve and Sadie from Bailey & Hinman. We got back later than we expected and just in time to bathe & dress before 2 P.M. When we went to the old house which really was quite warm and then in the log room Genevieve & I were united in the bonds of matrimony by Roderick McLeod with Sadie Jones, Jr. and Doheny as witnesses in the same room where 44½ years ago almost to a day Dan & Elizabeth Jolly had their 4th. We were very happy. We came back & the Chases hung and helped prepare everything for the reception. Tom & Dot with Evelyn came very early as we had hoped and made preparations complete. Tom & Evelyn after Joe & Tom sampled my punch and pronounced it adequate. Everyone seemed to have a good time - really a very good time and when we left at 4 P.M. practically everyone had gone and almost everyone invited had come just before the wedding ceremony about 12 P.M. Jo. Danny Miller with Lt. Commander Hyatt arrived with a wedding present - & were great & cheer and we had a real reunion! Well we started for Stafford about 4 P.M. as we pulled onto Holyoke St. noticed that in getting out pressure was very low & my temperature gauge very high 260°! I stopped and found that I could take a little time at it but it made no difference. I consulted the Bundy gauge and they advised going on slowly to Hartford which I did and we got safely to the Bond Hotel where we spent the happiest night of my life!

March 21st

I somehow have not felt like writing up my doings - & much shunning of Johns entry about a year ago "anyone who has read the papers of a busy dull fellow" - but I realize as time goes on the value of these entries dull as they must be and so I am tempted to take up the pen again and write up a few events of these past 2½ months which have been so happy for me and which not unlikely at the same time spring. We spent a wonderful week in New York - we stayed at the Edison getting there by train late Saturday afternoon and sitting around in the lobby and lounge for nearly 2 hours before we could get our room. New York was packed. Sunday we went to the Cathedral and saw the most magnificent and most stimulating display of pageantry I could picture - Spellman was there and sang the mass - very fine all the Christmas music and a fine sermon and for the first time I learned why in Germany New Year's Eve is called Sylvester abend! The Cathedral was a mass of green & red - banks of poinsettias and huge wreaths of evergreen. After church we met Mitz Genevieve Ott Friend Margaret Diefendorf & a delightful French restaurant for dinner. In the evening days we went through Radio City (a tour) saw four movies "Lifeboat" "National Velvet" and the stage show at the Radio Music Hall "The Song of the Cross" "The Keys of the Kingdom" and "Mrs. Parkington" - all good. We also saw two excellent plays "Oklahoma" and "The Voice of the Turtle". Besides these we went to the Opera Saturday afternoon and saw "Lucia" Munsell was superb - she had at least 5 curtain calls after her long aria in the mad scene. Wilbur and Mabel entertained us royally at the "Pump Room" at Pierres (the Bobolink Room but a copy of the Pump Room Bath) England.

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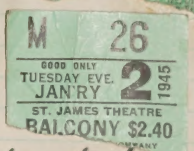
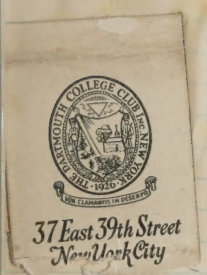


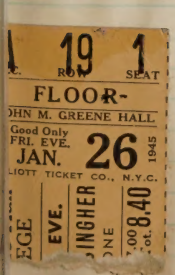
enevieve Keefe Bride of Dr. James Huntington

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Keefe of oburn announce the marriage of eir daughter, Genevieve, to Dr. mes L. Huntington of Hadley on c. 29. The ceremony was performby Rev. Roderick MacLeod, pastor the Congregational Church of adley.

Mrs. Huntington has been business presentative of the telephone comny in Amherst for several years. r. Huntington is widely known as obstetrician. He was associated ith the Cambridge Hospital for any years. He is the son of the late ishop Frederick Huntington of Hady and Boston.

The couple will live at the Huntingon home in Hadley.





Elliot Bishop gave us a dinner party at the University Club many wonderful as well as Pearl and Ted and Nell Bullard. The Bullards gave us a cocktail party after the Opera and the Jewetts and Jim Boudleau took us all three occasions we had a grand time. We went to the Metropolitan Art Museum and the American Natural History Museum and felt that we had really 'done' New York and had just about as much as we could digest! We lunched & dined at a different cafe almost every day and found them all good. We left for Hartford at 10:00 Sunday morning lunched at the Bond and picked up my car which had been left at the Buick Place in Hartford for repairs. It was raining and snowing as we left Hartford and it grew worse and worse as we North. From Springfield we had to stop and scrape off the windshield almost every 15 min the defroster was powerless to keep the windshield clear — all the cars on the road were in the same predicament and travel was at a very slow clip. We finally got to our beloved home at early twilight.

We have been buried in snow as other pictures show. I came back to find that only one baby had arrived in my absence and to find plenty of work in store for me. We have had three parties here the Gleasons & the Tobeys came over to dinner, then we had John and Dennie with Bill & Hilda Jewett. The third party was a telephoning round and the occasion was Mary Elizabeth transfer Mr. Comey and his new quite successful and we had a very good time! One more party over here I remember now (with tremendous help) & that was the Dunn, Damon and Mary Sullivan. February 8. We were in charge of the Clinic & had a very unpleasant time with Dr. Kenney and it is not settled yet but I expect to have my resignation from the Staff of the hospital finally accepted. We went over to the Gleasons for a very gay party.

Tim was frightfully sick both in January & early February — almost died with pneumonia. I started saying I'd get a new car in January — the Northampton Board turned me down & I applied to Boston and I have just got my permit & buy a new car (dated Mar 20th!) I was terribly tied up by the snow but fortunately made an arrangement with Arthur La Salle who plows for the town and he has kept me plowed out splendidly. The spring broke stupidly coming March 10th and very mild weather set in about that time but we had cold nights — freezing every night and gradually the snow went very slowly but so gradually that the river was not out all until the last few days. The frogs began piping March 6 we found mill creek & really running!

Mar 22 The River is well up on the island and now lots this afternoon it is pouring northward back of the house rising several inches an hour. Ominous clouds in west today took pictures Raders.

Mar 23 Turned cold and the River fell several inches during night and has stayed down all day. Had a baby early this a.m. only me now due this month.

Feb. 1945

After the heavy January snowfall

These show the extreme depth of the snow in Feb. 1945

Jan. 45

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Harvest moon fall of year
Feb. 45.

March 24 Rivers going down steadily - beautiful warm & Spring day. Birds singing and grass showing a real green tinge. The avenue is entirely dry - almost dusty! Went to a celebrated party at Elsa Brown's - she had a very good time with the Smith faculty present, had a long talk with Edith Burnett & with Marion de Forde. Met the new Dean of Smith Mary Lanagan Davis - she seemed lively & liberal in Italy accepted & is most anxious to come over to see & study the place.

March 25 Went to hospital after mail - to the paper, at the mills. In the afternoon a cavalcade of 5 horses headed by Alex & Todd made a call. Saw a flicker in morning in the Elsa Rice Sedum garden. In the evening Jim & Dennie & Hannah (and us) went out to the Red Jeff to supper - a very good time.

Mar 26 Helped Anita with a hysterectomy - a patient of mine. Two new patients. Office hours in Northampton. Genevieve & Nathan for telephone very day this week. Got the permit for a used car finally. Kath is trying to get me an Oldsmobile

Mar 27 Morning & afternoon visits at the Hospital. Genevieve had a club dinner in Northampton. Anne Sidcraft (now Mrs Jules Von Brehmen) came to see me - she is pregnant & may come up here from her job for me to do a Cesarean next fall. Very warm - mild thunder shower in late P.M. Turned in my car to Kath but it may come back tomorrow.

Mar 28 Thursday early morning cleared off very warm. Off today to

March 29 — Spent all day at Hospital. 9 lb Gly girl arrived at 4.30 P.M. Heard a black echoing night hawk in evening. Warmest day in March in history of Weather Bureau 86°. Violets in bloom south of Chase House.

Mar 30 — I am 65 years old but do not feel an old one & did 18 yds ago when I planted the pine trees with Fred! Weighed just 210 lbs this morning. Another very warm day but not so oppressive as yesterday. Had a baby boy at 8.43 P.M. three and one half weeks premature but seems good & strong.

Mar 31 — Rivers up in fields a little again but no danger of a flood. Went to Amherst for office hours then on to Hospital found all going well. Went to a quiet party at Alick Todds (his birthday) met quite a number of Northamptonites that I had not met before and renewed a number of old acquaintance. Home early.

April 1 — Easter Sunday and such a glorious day — called on Tims and went to golf Club in afternoon — hepaticas & Wood rose in full bloom and violets in every lawn. Nasturtiums well up in 69° in the shade.

April 2 — Rainy day — temp 60 — really past 'April showers' Long office hours in morning found all busy and well at Hospital.

April 3 — My ecclesiastical birthday. Easter Tuesday seem to be coming down with a cold very scratchy throat — no fever.

April 4 — Cold much worse beginning to cough. Went to Amherst for office hours as usual — to bed early. Genevieve has signs of a cold. Kept her in bed
April 5 — Took my new car — have a bad cough others seem to pick little. Rainy high agin
April 6 — Beautiful sunny day. Genevieve did not feel up to Church either. or we would have been late. Went to Golf Club in P.M. — the boys did a lot of painting. Genevieve played 6 holes.

April 9 — Genevieve is working this week again as planned to but cold seemed worse today so kept her in bed — my cough very bad.

April 10 — Genevieve cold seems better no temperature — I am coughing as bad as ever. Continues very warm.

April 11 — Genevieve went to work after an absence of 5 days. My cough continues about the same. Had lunch in Belmont today. Went to Nelson Damons to supper had a very good time.

April 12 — Heard over the radio just before noon of the sudden death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt — a tragic loss for the world. Wonder what history will regard him! A great man in that he surmounted unsurmountable obstacles and certainly rendered the greatest public service this country has ever known and unquestionably a very lovable fellow — in spite of his many human weaknesses.

Apr. 13 — Helpful Ashton with two sessions — felt very weak during first one due to my cold but came back all right for the second. My cold is really better. Went to Greenfield and picked up Model cafe about 3 P.M. Should both have arrived late in the evening Hatts Uncle brought both from Boston My new car — an Oldsmobile 6 — Hydromatic shift — a rich green — called Forest green — a perfectly grand car. am driving it 25 miles an hour.

Apr. 14 — Went to Amherst for office hours and then to Northampton to have a tire fixed. Called Mary is trying to start in labor 6 months pregnant with a basal metabolism of 61 and blood pressure of 190 the baby probably is dead. Also a primipara trying very hard to start in labor. Should stay here over this cold I fear. The lilacs are in full bud — I never seen this before. The fruit trees are all in bloom and the pears go proud. Old Mr. Ives is really lost!

Mrs. Grace L. Hefe spent the week end

May 7th — I had a pretty bad cold but kept up and about keeping on with everything as I had several important cases coming due. The weather changed to bitter cold and probably

May 2nd cont. rescued this apple & strawberry crops and all vegetation remained at a standstill, for example the lilacs are still absolutely in their prime and many apple trees are still in almost full bloom. The glow was again called on to blow over fuel. I was coughing very badly & sleeping very poorly in consequence. On April 16 Carol drifted in from Hartford and Fred Morse Carol came over for a grand evening on the 18th of April. The golf season opened very unexpectedly because of bitter cold but with real tightness - the rosy red buds however were refused by the cold wind. Finally after my last baby came on April 26th I gave in and went to bed and Genevieve had her hands full - I had a little temperature over the week end on the 29th Dr. Byrne came over and decided that I would have to stay & declared I wouldn't get pneumonia. Sorry when I have been sick on the week ends yesterday. Today I went to church and also cut some asparagus in the garden. Should note that

April 25th → just before I gave in Reg. French brought Miss Dresser from Worcester (George Dresser's niece — Wallis granddaughter) Mrs. French & Mrs. Morgan came over to see the house we had it newly spruced up — fresh & crisp curtains on the table covers etc. Heard today Gen. Hines report that all hostilities in Europe had ceased - God be thanked!! Amen!!! But that V day will have to wait, until phlegmatic, reluctant Stalin makes up his mind! Truly a strange figure he is!! Today is beautiful a little on the cool side but still a glorious Spring day. Heard an oriole out in the tops of the elms along the street. The hillsides of the valley are just opening, tulips still in bloom and the lilacs just reaching their prime. Just read in Boston paper today of Ted Hyglemeyer's death. He has spent many nights up here and I really liked him.

May 8 "V. day" the unexcited joint dispatch was verified by President at 9 A.M. and all day long we got the glad tidings. What a marvelous relief after all those years - and even so to Tokio! Went to see Dr. Byrne in P. M. and he gave me a clean bill of health.

May 9 Genevieve started in work again today and I was patient in Amherst my day - about half a dozen Dr. It is staying really cold I am afraid for the fruit. The flowers have been hiring with the rain.

May 10 Saw patients all morning long in Northampton followed to nurses in P. M. moved hard for about three hours. It clung to the height of the ground was white but it changed to rain in early evening. It was a real snow storm in Amherst however & the ground was white. Thermometer may fall to about 36.

May 11 The ground in Amherst was white with snow and the radio reported 8 inches of snow in Pittsfield & even nine in Brattleboro Vt. Saw patients all morning long in Amherst.

May 28 There has been a very cold rainy month - I have only had about 3 days on the golf links playing once alone and the other two times with Fein — he finds it hard to get about and I'm a slow hitter so that his time will have ground times together. Today is Genevieve's birthday - a gloomy rainy day cold enough for an open fire & clean very welcome. Sisters came up for the week end of the 19th and we had asparagus from her garden. On Thursday May 24 I had a baby in the P. M. my first one since [illegible] In the evening the Gaudreaus (he is the District Attorney and

with them came Mr & Mrs. George Young - we had a delightful evening.

May 28 Mrs. G. is president of Genevieve Club. On Saturday May 26 the telephone girls came over and worked all the P.M. in the garden and accomplished a lot.

May 30 We had a very pleasant golfing day at the Club. Helen & Betty Damon, Genevieve & I had a jolly Scotch foursome — tied Opens but were mighty fine shots. 61 members stayed for supper and we bought back the daily duchess an hours work after a hard day but it was worth it.

June 3 Tim has been very sick again but is better today — very delirious yesterday. Last night Doris Abernethy with two friends came over to see Genevieve and the house — we persuaded them to stay for supper and we had a very jolly time. It is awfully cold — another frost all this week and because of rationing we don't dare to have heat or we are getting a big fine in this county town. Anny Holderness (her husband my closest friend & classmate was very ill died) came up to consult me on May 31st & stayed for lunch.

June 29 The cysteme heat with almost daily thundy storms of enormous intensity and plenty of rain has distracted my attention from the daily entries & I have the habit of walking. We have had friends over to dinner from Amherst and Northampton and we went to a very jolly cocktail party at the Edwards before they left for the Solstice. The Edward O'Briens came over to supper. Creighton still busy with Scotty up here in the 23rd getting her in tune for supper. Scotty and Genevieve worked many hours every day in the garden and accomplished much. We all moved up to the big house for nights while Catharine worked. She brought news that Ben is a Colonel and has been under almost internment bombardment but now that Okinawa has fallen completely into our hands I can breathe a lot easier. Creightons came up to get Scotty after 23rd and they left for Boston about 6 P.M. after a most delightful visit here. Tim has been very ill again but we are able to go over to the Golf Course and watch the fun on the 28th but when reaching on the 29th he seemed very tired. We have had a frequent swim in Scotty's garden regularly twice a week and it has been very good. We bought several quarts of berries from John Duffy — very expensive from 35 to 50 cents a qt at the roadside stands. It has been a very bad year for the crops as much rain but hay will be pretty good this year they say. On three afternoons of June 26th the great elm in the meadow — the tallest of this 3 in the "Donahey line" was struck by lightening — Genevieve saw the "ball of fire" — and badly damaged it. We have played very little golf — partly because of the almost daily storms mostly because the golf links have been particularly under water and also because Genevieve's good friend so much to take up her time and energy here at 50 acres. But we did play 9 holes yesterday and I got a 53 which is good for me — I got a 3 on the 2nd and a three on the 8th!! It was a glorious day with no threat of a storm. Today is very muggy & hot with rain and distant thunder till this afternoon. We went up to the Deerfield Academy dinner on June 6th sitting at the head table. Genevieve not three years away from me. We met so many Deerfield Alumni & Alumnae. We saw Lewis for a few minutes before the dinner but only [illegible] Henley eleven there was no time afterwards for the get together of former years. Frank Boynton was most attentive and we had a really delightful evening.

June 30 Went over to a celebration party at the Comptons – the Schoonmakers were there – he just back from Africa. Very hot humid day – Eleanor Bolinder R.N. came over to suffer and we had a frightful afternoon. Sent in a reading and late in evening.

July 1 Sent out letter announcing 3rd baby – reflected membranes.

July 3 Baby arrived normally all O.K.

July 14 Beautiful clear day spent the greater part at Cliff Banks – 2 meals had guests from and for calls. Generous won 1 ball in a tie for 2nd place with J. Damon in the fun room. I got a ball for 25 cents in the machine and we each found a ball all part buried in the mud so we had what they termed "a very successful day."

July 7 Beautiful clear day went down to Lawrence by way of Sheep Highway and brought back Frances Bruch, Genevieve Jones, and her two little girls this trip was most pleasant and peaceful.

July 9 Operated with Ashton and he saw Mrs. Lennon with me and advised Cesarean. Found her showing definite uterine dysfunction & sent her in for Cesarean tomorrow.

July 10 Operation went very well & cast for the other. Mrs. L. was flushed as a rose most of the time – a fine baby girl.

July 14 Mrs. L. had doing all well had Cott bed her with me and his advice was good – her distension is better temp. past 24 hrs the Wagenstein working well. Went to the Cove for supper.

July 16 Mrs. L. much better all going well. Should have noted that Chesters are beautiful! Big black bull dog pup 5 months old arrived early in the morning July 15th he is proving a great delight – very intelligent and most affectionate. Barbara Jennings stayed here for a few hours.

July 21 Dorothy Wellington brought her sister & her brother-in-law from New Jersey over to see the house.

Pictures taken when Emerton Godsalve visited us with her sister-in-law in the very early Spring.

First picture of my new car taken by Ruth Bennett in front of my office 66 Country Club Lane

A VISIT TO HADLEY

Father Huntington's old family home is at Hadley, Massachusetts. On June 6th, Father Schlueter and I were near there and decided to see if we could find the house. Going south along the Connecticut River from North Hadley, through rich farming country with the Berkshire Mountains on the horizon to the west and the hills of Amhurst to the east, we came to a group of buildings surrounded by a well kept farm. Father Schlueter went into a large grey house on the east, and found that Mrs. Sessions, Father Huntington's sister, lived there. In spite of her age she still is obviously the center of the life at the farm. Most of the workers on the farm are Polish. They work on the many onion fields in this region. The children of these farm workers affectionately called Mrs. Sessions "grandmother". Father Schlueter spoke of her as being typical of the sturdy New England folk who for centuries have won their living from the soil.

Across the road we found Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, a nephew of Father Huntington, living in a modern house, connected by wood sheds with the ancient family mansion. Everything in the old house has been kept as it has been since the days of the colonies. Dr. Huntington took us through the rooms down-stairs, with its fine old furniture and wide pine floors worn smooth except for the round gnarled knots that stuck up. There was a fine oil painting of Father Huntington's father, the Right Reverend Frederic Dan Huntington, at one time Bishop of Central New York.

Out in back was a long low shed with benches. The house was built in the style of a southern plantation, and Dr. Huntington told us that at one time this was where the slaves sat and ate their meals out of their wooden troughs.

We were taken upstairs, through the attic to a small gabled room, with one window looking west across the Connecticut River. The Huntington family call this the "Prophet's Chamber", and it was here that Father Huntington lived as a boy and whenever he visited at Hadley. On the casement of the window were four stanzas of a poem written in Father Huntington's own handwriting in pencil.

"And not through Eastern Windows only
When night is done in comes the light,
In front, the sun climbs slow, and slowly,
But westward look, the land is bright."

To the east of the house the trees and hills would hide the first rays of the rising sun. But out of this window looking west the morning sun must often have struck the lovely spire of the Church at Hatfield about a half mile away across the river. "Westward look, the land is bright."

The verses are from a poem by Arthur Clough beginning with the lines, "Say not the struggle nought availeth", Dr. Huntington pointed out that the correct quotation should be "And not **by** eastern windows only, When **the daylight comes,** comes in the light." Evidently Father Huntington wrote it from memory, and as he so often did in his sermons, felt free to pharaphrase the meaning of the words.

It is a memory not soon to be forgotten to have seen this place which was so dear to Father Huntington's heart, and to meet some of the members of his family. Dr. Huntington has a startling likeness to his uncle, there are the same keen blue eyes, and in profile their are almost exactly the same features.

PAUL C. WEED, JR.

Deerfield Academy

Commencement Program

Tuesday, June 5, 1945

4.00-6.00 p.m. Tea at Headmaster's
8.00 p.m. Senior Play

Wednesday, June 6, 1945

10.00 a.m. Graduation Exercises
12.00 m. Glee Club Concert
1.00 p.m. Luncheon
3.30 p.m. Baseball Game
5.30 p.m. Band Concert
7.00 p.m. Academy Dinner

Pictures of "Checkers" taken in July & August 1945

First picture of Checkers + Dinners — she doesn't like him!

day, at 2:30 P.M.

STURGIS Charles R. L., USMC, killed in action in the Pacific area on June 16, survived by his wife, Barbara Brewer Sturgis of Manchester, Mass. and the son of the late Mr. Edward Sturgis and Mrs. Edward Sturgis of Brookline and Manchester.

THOMAIAN In Winchester

Ben Forbes in Land

Showing Doris Apperson & Dorothy Fletcher at work!

Summer of 1945

They show the height of the marvelous corn from the top of the fence to the ground - I stood beside the post and held my hand as high as I could - the average height was well over 14 feet.

Generieve and I on the corn row being harvested

Compton Commended For Aid In Freeing Two Landing Ships

Lieut. W. W. Compton, Civil ngineers corps, USNR, of 4 South street, Northampton, ass., attached to a Navy Seabee ntoon battalion now in the awaiian Islands, recently re- ived a commendation for his rt in freeing two landing ships volved in a collision somewhere the Pacific.

"With utter disregard for your n personal safety," said the mmendation from the officer charge of the Seabee battalion, ou voluntarily hung over the le of the pitching ship and

Sally Bessions runs the tractor dragging the corn reaper.

Dan & Ernestine Sanks August 1945

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Dear Brother:

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Banquet **Tuesday, Sept. 25th, 6:30 P.M.**

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FRANK J. CAHILL, Sec.

Dear Sir.
I have a communication from E. Mark Sullivan Esq. wherein he hopes to see you on this occasion. The Secy

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Northampton, Massachusetts

Sept. 27th 1945

Dr James L Huntington

Hadley Mass.

Dear Sir.

Your presence is requested at the Elks home on the evening of Oct. 3rd. at 7.30 P. M.

For the purpose of initiation

Respectfully

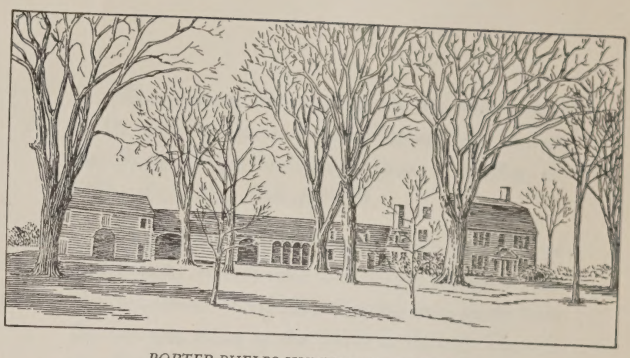
Frank J Thul

Secy

Amherst Historical Society Sept. 1985

OCTOBER 4, 1945

—Members of the Amherst Historical Society were invited by Dr. and Mrs. James L. Huntington to inspect the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in Hadley Friday afternoon.



PORTER-PHELPS-HUNTINGTON HOUSE

AN INVITATION TO VISIT

THE

PORTER-PHELPS-HUNTINGTON HOUSE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

4:00 P.M.

THE AMHERST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Carl Granger Swing's dress that probably was made for Grandmother Bennett as pretty for my mother.

Doris Abramson + Dorothy Fletcher (dressed in the Old chest)

"Old Lady Stearns" dress. + Elizabeth Porter's dress Chas Phelps Cape

The Amherst Historical Society has been invited by Dr. and Mrs. James Lincoln Huntington to inspect the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in Hadley on Friday, September 28th at 4 P.M.

In addition to the house, the furniture is of very considerable interest since it is, almost without exception, ancestral, several pieces having come down from the first generation of the family in Hadley. There is also family silver, jewelry, china, and glass, together with portraits, miniatures, and silhouettes. Moreover this fine collection is remarkably well documented by family papers, diaries, letters, deeds, and wills.

Dr. and Mrs. Huntington by their hospitable invitation are affording the Society an unusual opportunity to view a remarkable collection of local antiquities.

Members' cars will assemble on the North Prospect side of the Strong House not later than 3:45. Everyone who has means of transportation is urged to utilize and share it. Members who cannot otherwise find transportation should call Reginald French, 424-J.

Paul French
Clerk

Carl Grange Sewing Chair which probably was made for Grandmother Bennett or possibly for my mother.

"Old Lady Stearns" Elizabeth Porter Phelps dress. & Chas Phelps Cape

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POST, JULY 4, 1943

U. S. Field Service Workers War's Unsung Heroes

They Bring Wounded Soldiers to Field Dressing Stations Despite "Shell and High Water"

Top left—Frank Wood ready for action beside his slit trench. The latter serves as a temporary home for desert fighters. Below at left—Paul Kimball, ISAFS Corps, digs a slit trench in case the enemy "drops in" on him. These are actual battle scenes snapped in the Western desert.

Top right—Mort Wright and Miller Griffiths arrive on the scene just after a plane crashes. Circle left—John Huntington, another New England boy in the Ambulance Corps in the Western desert. Bottom right—RAF ambulance plane evacuates seriously wounded soldiers to base hospital.

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Dr. Thomas Barbour Is Honored on New Book

Famous Zoologist Is Guest At Book Review Luncheon

Tells of Feather Capes Made by Hawaiians In Interview by Mrs. Alice Dixon Bond

By ALISON ARNOLD

Because it was election day, only fruit juices were served at the "sherry" party honoring Dr. Thomas Barbour before he was interviewed by Mrs. Alice Dixon Bond yesterday at the second of her popular weekly Book Review Luncheons held in the Copley Plaza's Oval Room.

Mrs. Barbour, who won the admiration of the many native tribes she and Dr. Barbour visited during his expeditions for the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology was a guest at the party. And two of their daughters, Miss Louisa Barbour and Miss Julia Barbour, who were too busy with war work to celebrate any earlier the publication of their father's newest book, Naturalist at Large," also were present, Miss Julia, who is president of the Vincent Club, on noon hour leave from the American Women's Volunteer Services and wearing her blue uniform.

Producing a rare stuffed bird from his pocket, Dr. Barbour told of the famous feather cape made in Hawaii by using the few yellow feathers from thousands of these birds. But he confessed that he was more interested in reading the books reviewed that noon by Mrs. Bond, especially Ernie Pyle's "Here Is Your War." Mrs. Chandler Bigelow, who was a member of several of Dr. Barbour's expeditions, attended the luncheon with her mother, Mrs. Charles Allen Porter, and chatting with them was Mrs. Moses Williams.

Southwest Harbor, Maine
July 30--1944

Dear Jim:

You told me to listen for the white-throats in Maine, and I did----with this result:

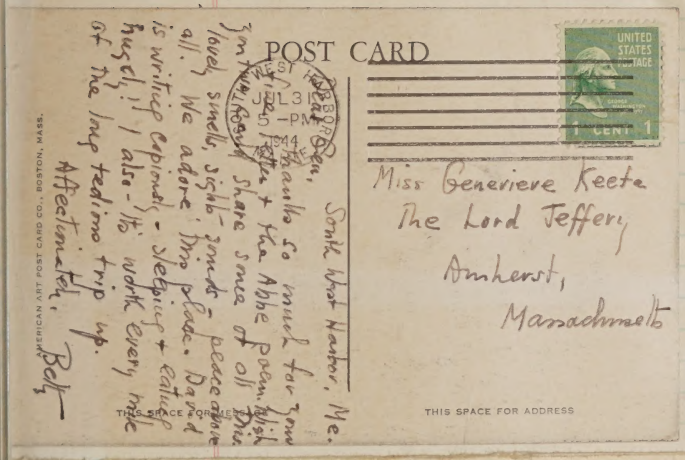
OF A FEATHER

Two white-throats in the rainy wood,
Who must be drenched in every feather,
Had a word to say---and the word was "good"----
Of the current weather....
And we were two who understood,
Indeed, we four were of a feather;
The word, we thought, is always "good",
For two together.

Which is the second poem written for my Lady since we arrived here. (The first one had a white-throat in it too.

We are liking it here, immensely. Both very well, indeed, and very happy. Today we were talking of you and Gen---in terms that you can imagine---"two together" (he said, modestly quoting his own poetry!)..Give her our love---and keep a gen--erous share for yourself.

Dave.



PROF. DAVID MORTON

MORTON LEAVES AMHERST POST

Poet Will Devote Time to Writing and Lecturing

AMHERST, Jan. 27—The president's office at Amherst College announces the resignation of David Morton, professor of English, to take effect Feb. 1. Prof. Morton, well known poet, came to Amherst in 1924 and is now giving up teaching to devote his whole time to writing and lecturing.

Announcement is also made of the resignation of George P. Child, assistant professor of biology, as of Dec. 31, 1944. Dr. Child leaves to take up the study of medicine and has already entered the Georgia Medical School. He came to Amherst in 1935.

Six other members of the Amherst faculty have been granted additional leaves to engage in government service. They are Profs. Geoffroy Atkinson of the French department, George W. Bain and Fred B. Phleger, Jr., of the department of geology, and Peter H. Odegard and Karl Loewenstein of the department of political science.

Golf Score Card

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SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Amherst, Mass.,
March 4, 1944

To the Members of the Amherst Golf Club:

Dear Friends:

It is with sincere regret that I leave Amherst and the Amherst Golf Club in particular where I have made many true friends. My memories of the past years are most pleasant and I feel very fortunate to have lived in this lovely town with you all.

My reason for writing you is to thank you for your patronage in the past and to let you know that I have appreciated very deeply all the kindnesses shown me.

Thelma joins me in wishing the Amherst Golf Club a very successful season and we both hope to see you all again from time to time during the coming summer.

We would be glad to welcome each and every one of you at The Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Peter Dunn

EVERYDAY MOVIES *By Denys Wortman*

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND

"Maria! Hev ye wiped the sink dry?"
"Yes. Why?"
"Becuz I did want a drink, but I guess I can wait till morning."

Amherst Golf Club

Calendar 1945

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Henry "Chic" Toole ..... Greenskeeper
Eddie Twohig, Pro

Hadley Man Killed By Lightning Sunday

Daniel W. Anable, about 63 years of age, was killed by lightning Sunday afternoon as he stood in the dooryard of his home in the Plainville section of Hadley, near Amherst. Neighbors in a field saw the lightning and summoned Dr. Maurice Kennedy of Hadley. Dr. Kennedy called Dr. W. G. Webber of Amherst, associate medical examiner, who said that apparently lightning struck a tree and Mr. Anable, who was near his doorway, at the same time, instantly killing him. His hair was singed and there was a slight scalp laceration. Dr. Webber had the body removed to the James S. Macfarlane funeral home, 99 Northampton Road, Amherst.

Mr. Anable, a retired farmer, was a bachelor. He was born in North Hadley, the son of Woodbridge and Dolly (Keep) Anable. He leaves two brothers, Louis of North Hadley, and Leon of Hatfield; a niece, Mrs. William Ives of South Amherst and other relatives in Westboro and Springfield.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Macfarlane funeral home conducted by Rev. Louis C. Toppan of the South Congregational Church. Burial was in North Hadley Cemetery.

Aug. 1946

The Obstetrical and Gynecological Travel club, an unique organization of specialists who organized 25 years ago, and who make annual trips to medical centers of importance, is being entertained today, in a summer picnic, at the North Hadley residence of Dr. James L. Huntington. The club has a membership of 20, representing about a dozen of the states in this country, and Montreal, Canada, which city is home of three members. President is Dr. Eliot Bishop of Brooklyn, N. Y., expected here today for the picnic. The group will make its next trip to a medical center in the autumn, going this year to Montreal.

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OLIVE LASHBROOKE ..... **AUDREY CHRISTIE**

BILL PAGE ..... **ELLIOTT NUGENT**

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

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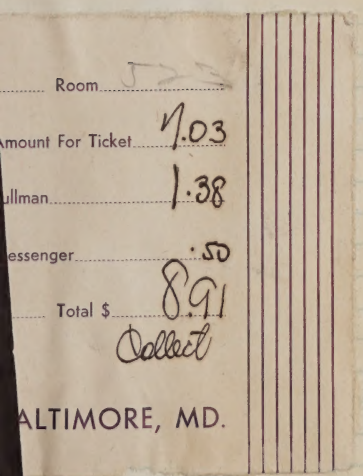

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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

BETTY FIELD (Sally). Boston-born, can claim two famous ancestors in her family tree—on one branch Priscilla, the Pilgrim maid loved by John Alden, on another Cyrus Field, the man who laid the Atlantic cable. Neither of them, nor, for that matter, any other member of her family, provided the inspiration that sent Miss Field in pursuit of a stage career. But as far back as she can remember that was her main ambition. After attending high school in Morristown, New Jersey, Miss Field put in two years of hard work at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, after which she went through an apprenticeship of understudy jobs. Her first real part took her to London in "Page Miss Glory." Her predilection for comedy was acquired under the tutelage of George Abbott, for whom she appeared in "Three Men on a Horse," "Boy Meets Girl," "Room Service," "What a Life," "Angel Island," "The Primrose Path" and "Ring Two." Such a succession of hits brought Hollywood clamoring for her services and she signed a contract to appear in the film "What a Life"—the story of the Aldrich family. Her next role surprised everyone, for she was selected by Hal Roach to play in the John Steinbeck picturization of his stage play "Of Mice and Men"—a part totally different from the girl friend of Henry Aldrich. Next came the schoolgirl vamp in "Seventeen," after which Miss Field began shuttling between Hollywood and New York. To Broadway for "Two on an Island," back to Hollywood for "Victory" with Fredric March and "Shepherd of the Hills" with John Wayne. Back to New York again for a time and then quite a long stay in movie-town while she made "Hot Nocturne," "King's Row," "Are Husbands Necessary?", "Flesh and Fantasy," and "The Great Moment." Once more the stage beckoned and Miss Field appeared in "A New Life." During her most recent trip to Hollywood she made "Hold Autumn in Your Hand" and "Tomorrow the World" with Fredric March. While rehearsing in "Two on an Island" she met its author, Elmer Rice, who is now her husband.

ELLIOTT NUGENT (Bill) is one of the most versatile figures in the modern theatre. He is actor, playwright, director and producer, both on Broadway and in Hollywood. Since he was seen last season opposite Katharine Hepburn in "Without Love," he has directed a play and a film. The play is "Tomorrow the World," one of the season's hits, and the film is "Up in Arms," starring Danny Kaye, which Mr. Nugent completed just before leaving the coast. Before his appearance in "Without Love," he played the harried professor in "The Male Animal," the comedy success which he co-authored with James Thurber in fond remembrance of Ohio College days. But to start at the beginning of Mr. Nugent's story: The son of John Charles Nugent, the eminent actor and playwright, Elliott was born in a little Ohio town and made his stage debut four years later in Los Angeles. His career began at the Orpheum Theatre when his father and mother rushed him into a part in their vaudeville act left vacant by the illness of their "straight man." Elliott proved an excellent substitute and became one of the best child monologists in vaudeville before his parents sent him off to school and later to Ohio State University. He made his first Broadway appearance in "Dulcy," hit of 1921. The following year he played in "Kempy," which was one of the first plays he co-authored with his father. Others of their plays in which he also appeared include "The Rising Sun," "The Poor Nut" and "The World's My Onion." He went to Hollywood in 1929, as author-director-producer, and appeared in several films. Since 1936 he has directed "And So They Were Married," "Wives Never Know," "Give Me a Sailor," "Never Say Die" and many others. Between these assignments Mr. Nugent found time to write several plays, one of which turned out to be "The Male Animal," which brought him back to Broadway to resume his brilliant stage career.

AUDREY CHRISTIE (Olive) was last seen on Broadway opposite Mr. Nugent in the Theatre Guild's "Without Love." But Miss Christie is also at home in musical co[medy] and, in fact, graduated to the legitim[ate] via vaudeville and chorus-kick[ing] made her first stage appearance a[s]

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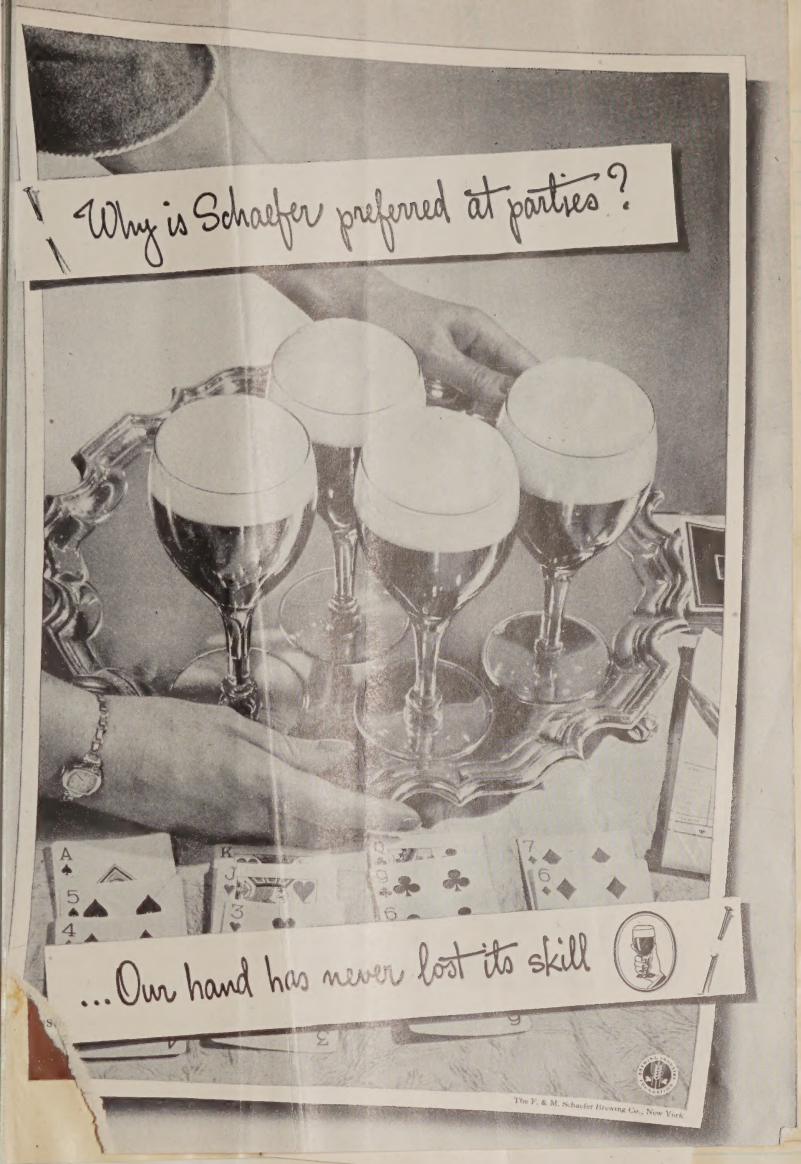

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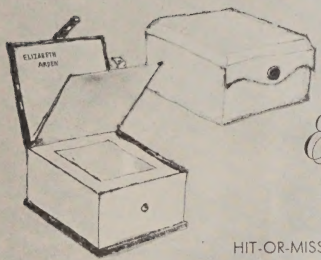

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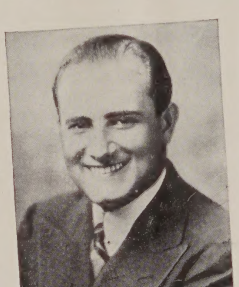

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• The State Department has suggested appropriate music to be played on the day of victory. The program leads off with the V-theme of Beethoven's *Fifth*, includes the D Major theme from the finale of Beethoven's *Ninth*, and then goes on to music of the various Allied Nations, including César Franck's little-known *Pièce Héroïc*, and, of course, something by Shostakovitch.

No such specific suggestion has yet been made for opera. Nor do I know what opera Mr. Johnson would like to perform should V-Day fall within the winter weeks of the Metropolitan season. Would it be *Fidelio*? But I *can* tell you a little of what happened in our opera house on Armistice Day of World War I.

November 11th was a busy night in New York's entertainment world. In spite of all the excitement of the day, theatres and concert halls were crowded. *Home Again*, a play by James Whitcomb Riley, had its premiere, Alfred Cortot gave his first recital in Aeolian Hall, David Warfield was playing in *The Auctioneer* at the Manhattan Opera House, Al Jolson in *Sinbad* at the Winter Garden had to repeat all his patriotic songs.

It was also the opening night of the Met season. The season's opening honors fell as usual to Caruso. He and Homer were singing *Samson and Delila*. The house was, of course, sold out, and the performance started

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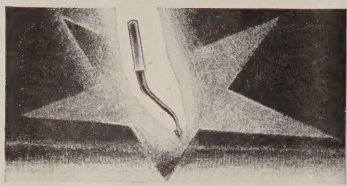

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as usual. But after the first act, the lights were kept lowered, and the audience realized that something extra-curricular was about to happen. The curtain was raised on the stage, where the full company of *Samson* was assembled, still garbed in their Biblical garments, but carrying the flags of the Allied Nations. The American standard bearer was Louise Homer. Caruso held the Italian flag, Rothier the French, Couzinou

the Belgian, Reschiglian the Serbian, and, since there seemed not to have been a British singer in the cast, Paolo Ananyan represented the Union Jack. The chorus, grouped in the back of the stage, was each equipped with a little American flag; they waved these flags as only a chorus can.

After the applause died down, the orchestra, conducted by Mr. Monteux, struck up the *Star Spangled Banner,* which was sung by everybody. This was followed by the *Marseillaise,* the *Inno di Garibaldi,* and *God Save the King.*

The curtain was then dropped, but the audience demanded the *Brabaçonne,* the national anthem of Belgium. The orchestra did not have the music for this anthem, so they sent out for it during the intermission and played the anthem just before the curtain rose on the second act. After the anthem had been played, a Major Creighton Webb stood up in a box and called out in a loud voice, "Three cheers for Belgium, the nation which saved the world!" To this handsome suggestion the audience responded, and the Belgian minister, who was in a box,

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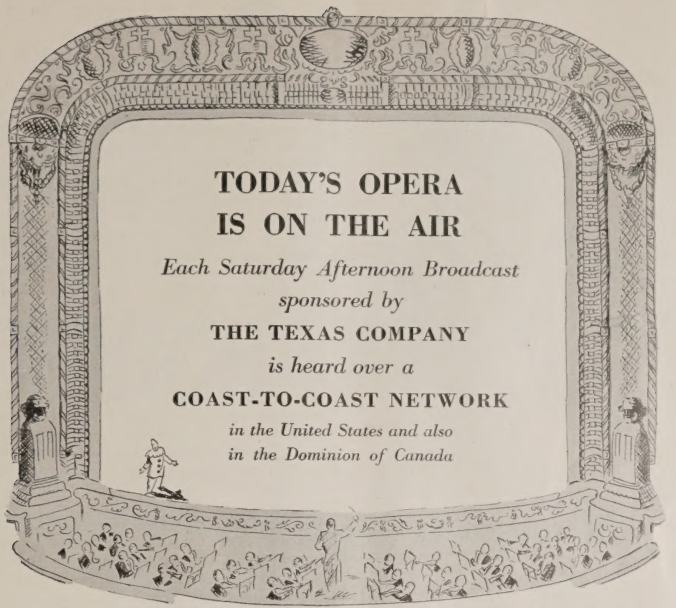

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bowed. Then everybody went back to *Samson*.

All this was dignified and stately. More exuberant high jinks were performed by the Metropolitan personnel during the day. One of the Metropolitan employees found in the property room backstage the dummy Siegfried—a dummy which was formerly used in *Götterdämmerung* in the last scene. (You remember that during the last scene Siegfried is supposed to raise his arm to scare Hagen off the Ring. I suppose in the antebellum days this gesture was omitted in order to save the services of a super: hence the dummy.)

They took this dummy and painted a moustache on him, put a helmet on his head, and dressed him up as Kaiser Wilhelm. He was then carried out backstage to Seventh Avenue and to Thirty-ninth Street. The members of the chorus followed it and stabbed the effigy with property swords, much to the amusement of the passers-by, most of whom had never seen *Siegfried*, but certainly could tell a Kaiser Wilhelm when they saw one. All this so fascinated Gatti-Casazza and Mme. Alda that they left their office and were presently followed by Mr. Monteux and the entire orchestra with their instruments—all except the harpist and the bass cellos. The procession moved up to Forty-second Street, the orchestra appropriately played *The Funeral March of a Marionette*, and finally they disposed of the dummy at the doors of the opera house. By this time about four hundred people connected with the Met were in the procession, including Billy Guard, Easton, Muzio, Sophie Braslau, Scotti, Segurola, Amato, Didur, Papi, Setti, and many others. It must have been the most curious procession since the days when the French opera companies landing in New Orleans used to parade up the main streets.

But an even greater event occurred in the vicinity of the Metropolitan. Shortly before noon, when the crowds were massing on Forty-second Street, a woman suddenly cried out, "There's President Wilson!" Indeed, there was a man looking exactly like Wilson. The crowd rushed up to shake

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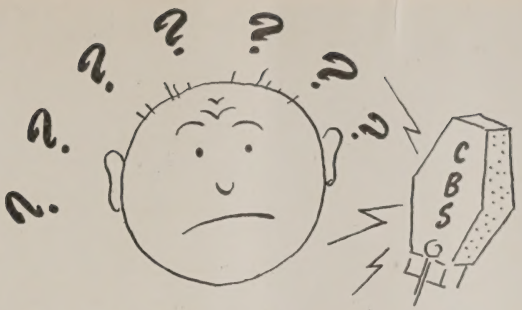

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hands with the supposed President. The man laughed and said no, he certainly was not Wilson. But when he laughed the crowd was sure he was Wilson, because his laugh was exactly like the President's. Hundreds of people mobbed this Mr. McCabe, and they carried him to the steps of the Public Library, where people fought each other and climbed over each other to shake hands with him. The poor fellow kept muttering over and over and over again, "But I'm not the President," but it didn't help. Then a movie man spotted him and began to take pictures of him. When the crowd saw that, they went wild, waved their flags, threw their hats in the air and pelted him with a snowstorm of confetti. They lifted Mr. McCabe high in the air. He kicked and he screamed and he fought to escape. "I am not the President," he said. "I am a district superintendent of schools. You wouldn't treat the President this way, and you shouldn't make him appear ridiculous by treating me this way." To soothe his feelings, the movie men told him the pictures were to be used for patriotic purposes, but Mr. McCabe demanded that the film taken of him with his legs in the air be destroyed. The crowd then called for a speech, and, not getting one, cheered anyway.

Finally, poor Mr. McCabe managed to beat his way through the people and take refuge in the Friars Club. After lunch he walked past the Metropolitan, where his appearance created exactly the same excitement. So he ducked into the subway station. But in the subway, also, he was spotted, and had to deny that he was Wilson. Finally, reports the *New York Sun*, "'I am going home and staying there,' he declared emphatically to the reporter hanging to his arm. 'No wonder the President has to have a guard. Look at me! Just look at me!', he invited. He was somewhat the worse for wear. Probably a thousand or so enthusiastic people had walked on his feet. Some, it seems, had tried to climb up his legs, for his trousers were soiled to the knees. Altogether Mr. McCabe had suffered considerably for the mistaken identity, flattering as it was."

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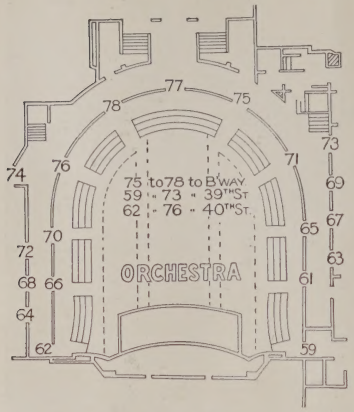

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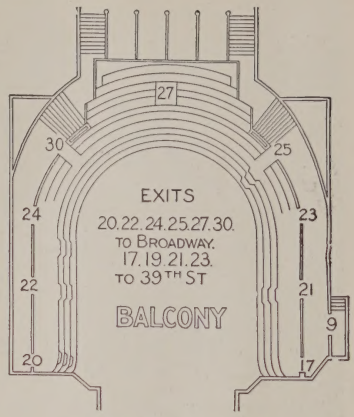

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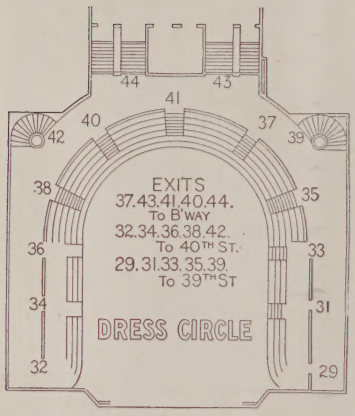

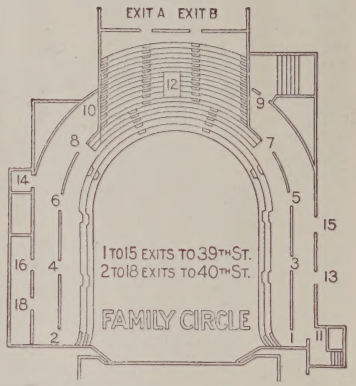

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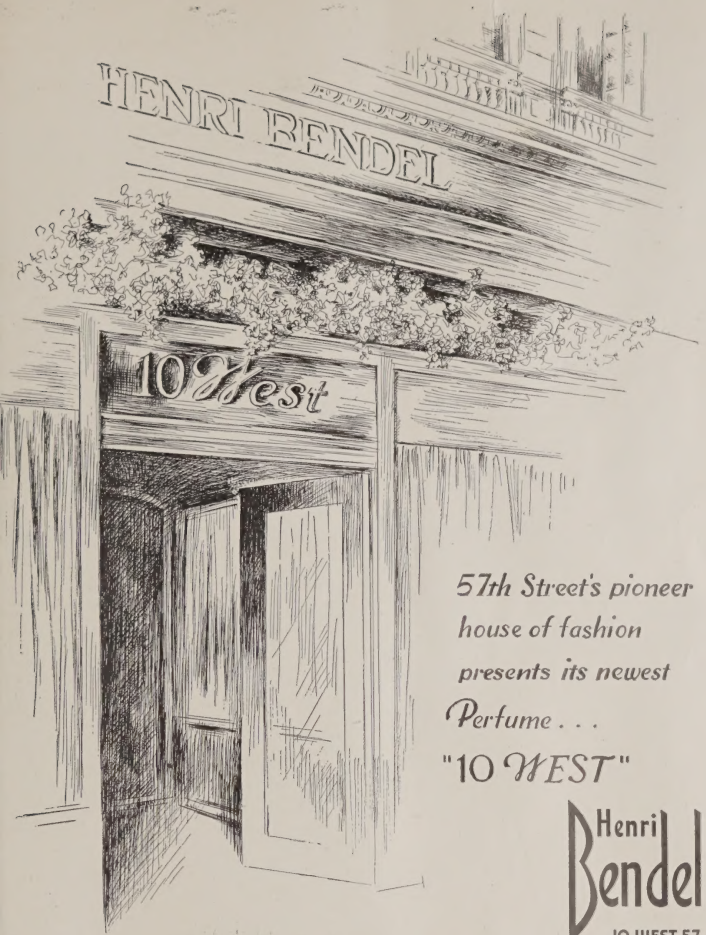

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• Alexander Kipnis regards food as inseparable from life, a key to its overtones. Give him Wagner and he eats German; give him Italian and he eats Italian; French, French. Mr. Kipnis offers for our present *dégustation* Chicken à la Kiev. One-half breast (2½ lb. chicken) per person, boned, flattened with a mallet, and sprinkled with salt and pepper. Meanwhile, mold butter into small "eggs," and chill icy cold. Just before cooking wrap breast around butter, sew up carefully to leave no holes, roll in flour, beaten egg, then breadcrumbs. Fry in deep fat at 400°, 4 min. Serve with cream sauce laced with sour cream, sliced mushrooms sauté in butter. Caution: Iced butter melts—and spurts! A chicken dish just a "steppe" from heaven.

• As accompaniment to the sole or chicken —or both, if cream is soft-pedalled—enchanting Jarmila Novotna suggests eggplant mousse. Broiled with skin on, peeled with a wooden or glass knife (metal blackens), purée, seasoned delicately with olive oil, a suspicion of onion, salt and pepper, whipped light; eggplant elevated to Parnassus. Lovely Novotna admits she loves American food; retains her admiration for Czechoslovakian high-notes; recommends sauerkraut introduced into pancakes and fried crisp—and wild plums made into "butter" as we do apples. For finale, fruits chilled in a pineapple shell and perfumed with rum or kirsh, elicit concerted acclaim from our trio of stars.

—Cicely Foster.

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It is nice to hear from you. I hope you are well.

Sincerely yours,

Frank

Dr. James L. Huntington
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Dr. James L. Huntington
66 Amity Street
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Dear Jim:

I have your letter concerning Major Durgin and the need for him in Hampshire County. I can well understand it.

The first step to be taken is to have Major Durgin make application for a discharge. Until this has been done, there isn't anything on which the Army can act or upon which I can be of assistance. I would want to report to you that we have had many such requests and in every instance the Army has been very reluctant to grant a release. In fact, I know of no case in which I can say that any action of mine has been of assistance.

My best suggestion is for you to write directly to Dr. Lahey, whom you must know. He may be able to accomplish something which a Congressman cannot do. Even in that case, Major Durgin must first make out his request for discharge.

I certainly hope to see you soon and to see your old house before very long. I have heard lots about it from Jim Lowell.

Best regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leverett Saltonstall

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Rec'd June 20, 1945

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Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Dear Sir:

It is my pleasure to notify you that you were elected to membership in Northampton Lodge, No. 997, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at a meeting of the Lodge held on Tuesday eve June 19th 1945

Kindly report for initiation to the Secretary, at the Elks Home, 43 Center St., You will be notified at 7.30 P. M.

Frank J. Cahill Secretary

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Lt. Walcott, Dies in Actic

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Lt. John Cotton Walcott, former managing editor of the A lantic Monthly, was killed in actic with the Fifth Army in Italy No 18, according to word received her yesterday. He was the son of Judge and Mrs. Robert Walcott of 152 Brattle street, Cambridge.

He was inducted into the Army in June, 1941, from Blue Hill, Me., where he had retired with his family to write a novel. He was assigned to the Adjutant General's Training School at Fort Washington, Md., and after receiving his commission was assigned to active duty overseas.

He was educated at St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., and was graduated from Harvard as class odist in 1934. He was named Fiske Scholar from Harvard at Trinity College, England, and from there went to the Catholic Institution of the University of Paris, pursuing researches in medieval theology.

Walcott was associated for two years with the magazine Forum in New York, and then returned to Boston as managing editor of the Atlantic Monthly in 1938-39, retiring to Blue Hill to write the novel on which he was engaged when he entered the service.

He leaves his wife, the former Cornelia Sage of Albany, N. Y., and two young children, Suzanna and Sage Walcott.

PERRY OF EXETER

Thirty-one years ago a modest young man was made the Principal of the Phillips Exeter Academy. That was in August, 1914, a World War had just begun, and the school though venerable and of a distinguished history had a heavy deficit. The tone of its life had always been one of simplicity and high purpose. Today, with an endowment of millions and an enrollment of more than 700 boys, simplicity and high purpose are still its tone.

How was this done? Dr. Lewis Perry, whose resignation as Principal is announced to be effective not later than June, 1947, or sooner if the war ends, has that rarer form of bravery—the bravery of endurance. His external achievements in buildings and endowments are almost the least of it. He never asked Edward Harkness for those millions. Both men prized their friendship in a higher coin. It was Mr. Harkness who asked Dr. Perry, "What does secondary school education in America most need?" And Dr. Perry replied, "Smaller classes and more teachers." When the millions did come, in 1931, there was no splurging. This son of a distinguished professor, Arthur Latham Perry, in a then rustic abode of learning, Williams College, had learned his lesson well from a father who tried being above seeming. Just so much of the money was spent for bricks and mortar as was needful to build walls and roofs around an idea. The idea, as worded by Dr. Perry, is "A school is its teaching." There are plenty of secondary schools, public and private, where the teaching is quite as good as at Exeter; but it would be hard to name a spot where there is more good teaching per cubic yard of classroom space. More schoolmasters giving closer attention to fewer pupils, and guided discussion as a method of teaching, this is in essence "the Harkness plan." Its progenitor is Socrates in the market place of Athens.

The team-play has been extraordinary. Dr. Perry quite rightly credits his faculty, trustees and the students themselves with this triumph of two-way traffic, though he has had this eager collaboration because he is the man that he is. The Phillips Exeter Academy is a vat of mature thought and adolescent interest in noble ferment. One hardly knows whether to call the school conservative or progressive. It is both. Latin is required and Greek is taught: side by side with the classical curriculum is hospitality to new ideas and methods.

All this came in the nick of time. Who would have thought thirty years ago that by 1945 secondary school education would be a frontline defense of American Democracy on the Home Front? With our colleges and universities denuded of young men—too precipitately in some cases—and with postwar conscription of our 18-year-olds being argued in the halls of Congress, the question of whether the predominant tone of American life for a century to come is to be military or civilian may hang or whether the equalitarian and humanistic spirit of our democracy can be implanted in boys before the age of 18. If postwar conscription is enacted, schoolmasters will need to work fast. For such schools as Exeter will be the battlefield of our future, and in the minds and hearts of adolescent boys that future may be lost or won.

A notable man will be found to have mustered the totality of his forces. What makes him the power that he is is not this quality or that, but all of them. Dr. Perry's achievement in the greater commonwealth of secondary school education is monumental. It deserves not a column but a volume. That volume is already written. It is written in the lives and labors of the schoolmasters at Exeter, and in the brains and souls of boys who have studied at the Phillips Exeter Academy in the past 31 years. "The path of the just is as a shining light."

UNCLE DUDLEY.

Principal Perry

A remark of Lewis Perry, who is to retire by June, 1947, as principal of Phillips Exeter Academy, is a hint of the policy which has underlain his luminous career of the last 30 years. "We wish to be, though an ancient school," he said, "yet always a modern school, fitting boys for life in a world that is forever old and forever new."

He has not allowed either himself or his academy to become stale, stereotyped or dated. He is as sensitive to the trends of the present and future as he was to public and educational imperatives when he took over. With its imposing buildings, more than 700 students and 82 teachers, Exeter differs greatly from the institution of pre-Harkness days, but essentially it is just about the same as it was then in spirit and purpose. It is, as he has said, simply "a big little school," just as his father's family, with its seven children, was a big little family. The larger endowment for which Principal Perry was primarily responsible, is not so indicative of the man as the impressive fact that $105,000 is now awarded annually to carefully-selected needy boys of promise.

There is an unintended portrait of Lewis Perry in that fine little biography of his father, "A Professor of Life," written by a gifted brother, the late Carroll Perry. The paternal Perry, the son wrote, was a man of "sharp intelligence, abounding humor and a moral integrity." He was "a real person and a very interesting embodiment of personality . . . He loved truth and honor and fairness but mostly he loved friendship and little children." Like the father—and also like his brother Bliss, who, happily, survives—Lewis Perry also has "natural gifts for effective public speech." Moreover, that favorite maxim of Professor Arthur Latham Perry, "Minimize the difficulties," is part of the technique of the son.

With all his rich intellectual endowment, he would not have accomplished nearly so much or so endeared himself to his students if he lacked that urbanity, eloquence and glowing personality which characterized the father, plus an incurable love for the human beings around him, youth as well as age, kings of the intellect as well as captains of industry, the poor as well as the rich, the individual of merit and character, regardless of his economic or social status.

Nobody, perhaps, is quite irreplaceable, but some individuals are in the penumbra of irreplaceability. Lewis Perry can fairly be included in that limited group.

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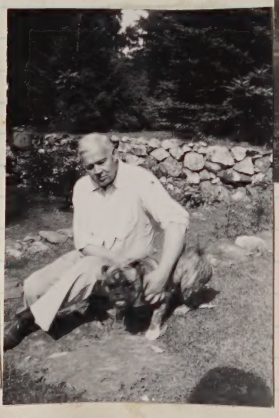

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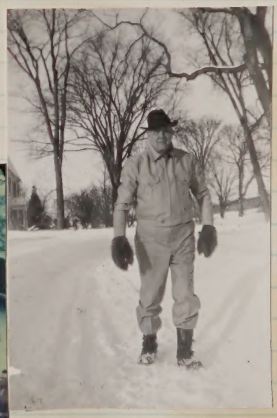

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Timothy C. Leahy Dies In 77th Year

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Longtime Business Man Here, Former Member of School Committee, Operated Lunch Wagons Years Ago. Had Owned Local Business Blocks

Timothy C. Leahy, 76, of 82 King street, chairman of the Northampton committee on public safety and a former member of the school committee in this city, died at his home this morning.

He was born in Easthampton, January 11, 1870, the son of Thomas and Mary (McDonald) Leahy, but had been a longtime resident of this city.

He was the owner and operator of the first horse-drawn lunch wagon in Northampton, starting in this business in 1893 near the Main Street park. For more than a quarter of a century he was engaged in this type business, at times operating two of these carts, one at the corner of Main and Pleasant streets and another at the intersection of Main and Masonic streets.

In 1915, with his brother-in-law, James H. O'Dea, he purchased and operated a restaurant in Greenfield for about a year. About 1927, he retired from the lunch business and, following that, was engaged for a time as one of the first automobile salesmen in this city.

Mr. Leahy also speculated in real estate and at one time owned business blocks on Main and Pleasant streets, in addition to his residence on King street.

As a member of the Springfield lodge of Elks, he was the chief organizer of the Northampton lodge about 40 years ago. He was also a veteran member of the local council of the Knights of Columbus and was active in this organization until recent years. He was also a member of the Foresters of America.

In addition to being active in the Northampton Taxpayers' association some ten years ago Mr. Leahy was appointed chairman of the Northampton committee on public safety by the late Mayor Walter W. O'Donnell and he served in that capacity during the administrations of Mayor O'Donnell and Mayor Edmond J. Lampron.

Mr. Leahy leaves a son, Edward F. Leahy of Milford, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. James H. O'Dea of this city, and a granddaughter.

The funeral will be held from the home, 82 King street, Wednesday morning at 9.15, followed by a high Mass of requiem at St. Mary's church at 10. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

Timothy C. Leahy

The death of Timothy C. Leahy yesterday removes one of Northampton's best known and best liked citizens, who spent nearly his entire life in this city, coming here from Easthampton when a child. We did not know Mr. Leahy in the lunch-wagon days, but we remember patronizing that one at the corner of Main and King streets before the time of our night cafeterias and diners. They served a most convenient purpose in their day, before the big wars and big depressions.

As an auto salesman and an owner of business blocks he was successful over a long term of years. His public interest always was keen, and though well along in years, he served as chairman of the Northampton committee on public safety in the World War II period. We recall how, some dozen or more years ago, when Northampton was faced with a question of raising, or not raising, its tax limit, Mr. Leahy put up vigorous opposition at the public hearing, which was followed by adverse action by the city council, and the tax limit stayed where it was until wartime years, when ex-Mayor Walter O'Donnell succeeded in having it raised.

We lived around the corner from Mr. Leahy, and often saw him as we passed his house, or as we met on King street, and it was nice to see him for a hello or a chat. He will be missed by the many who knew him.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Leahy

and family

will hold in grateful remembrance

your kind expression of sympathy

The funeral of Timothy C. Leahy of 82 King street, who died at his home yesterday, will be held from the home at 9.15 tomorrow morning, followed by a high Mass of requiem at St. Mary's church at 10. Burial will be in St. Mary's cemetery.

The funeral of Timothy C. Leahy, who died at his home, 82 King street, Monday morning following a long illness, was held from the residence today, with a high Mass of requiem in St. Mary's church where the pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas F. Cummings, officiated. Bearers were William, Paul and Frank Shea of Danbury, Ct., and Francis M., Edward J. and Robert O'Dea of this city, all nephews. Interment was in the family lot in St. Mary's cemetery, with graveside prayers by the Rev. Fr. Raymond W. O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Mary's church.

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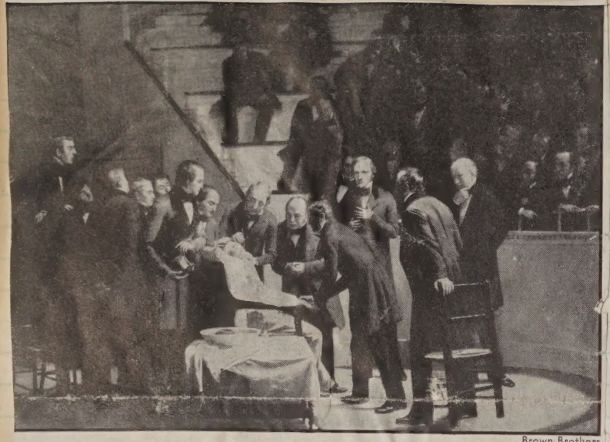
1945 Dus + Dorothy at Arcadia.



Brown Brothers

DR. MORTON'S EXPERIMENT (1846)
Aromatics hid the secret.

Ether Centennial

"Yesterday morning, Dr. Morton, Dentist, No. 19 Tremont Row . . . visited the . . . hospital, and administered his preparation to produce sleep, to a person about to undergo the operation of the extraction of a tumor from the neck. . . . The patient did not manifest the slightest symptoms of suffering. . . . He appeared to be totally insensible to what was going on."

On Oct. 17, 1846, the chatty Boston *Evening Journal* offered its readers this one-paragraph scoop on the first full-dress demonstration of anesthesia. The show had been shrewdly staged by publicity-wise, 27-year-old Dentist William Thomas Green Morton and a *Journal* reporter named Albert Tenney. Dr. Morton's "preparation," fed to the patient through a tube from a corked flask, was ether, disguised with aromatic essences to hide the "secret." The operation, conducted by Dr. John Collins Warren, frock-coated chief surgeon of Massachusetts General Hospital, made a profound impression on doctors and medical students in the small, gloomy amphitheater. Cried Dr. Warren: "Gentlemen, this is no humbug!"

Last week 4,000 top-rank U.S. scientists and medicos went to Massachusetts General to celebrate the centennial of Morton's and Warren's historic operation. After reverent visits to the famed Ether Dome, now a medical shrine, the scientists settled down, in a huge tent pitched outside the hospital, to a three-days' appraisal of the ether century. The consensus, as summed up by Dr. Henry Knowles Beecher, Massachusetts General's anesthetist in chief: Anesthesia "was perhaps man's greatest and most original discovery. . . . If, at a stroke, the world's poverty were to be wiped out, this would hardly be greater than the fact of clinical anesthesia."

Morton was not ether's inventor (it had been known since the 16th Century—in the 1830s, "ether frolics" were a popular substitute for drinking), nor even the first to use it in an operation.* But medical historians agree that Morton started the new era in surgery. Three months after his demonstration, surgeons on both sides of the Atlantic were giving ether; the screams and struggles of patients on the operating table had begun to subside.

Modern science has developed dozens of new pain killers (novocaine, spinal blocks, cyclopropane, sodium pentothal, etc.), but ether is still safest and best. Enthusiastic centennial speakers noted that anesthesia has brought many boons to man besides easier human surgery: *e.g.*, it made possible a vast amount of painless experimentation on animals. Now, said Dr. Beecher, a "second power" of anesthesia is emerging—the power of probing the human mind. "With anesthetic agents we seem to have a tool for producing and holding at will different levels of consciousness—a tool that promises to be of great help in studies of the mind and its workings."

There was one damper to all the enthusiasm: after a century of study, scientists still have no answer to the elementary question—how does an anesthetic produce its effects?

TIME, OCTOBER 28, 1946

TEA
at 4.10

ADMIT TO BUS
FOR
Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
Bus will leave M.G.H. Front door promptly at 1.30 and will return to hotels at 5 P.M.
PRICE 50 CENTS ROUND TRIP
35 Meet at the door at 2 PM

Massachusetts General Hospital
1846 - Ether Centenary - 1946
DR. J. L.
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ADMIT
Dr. & Mrs. James L. Huntington
to the
Massachusetts General Hospital's
Ether Centenary
October 16th 1946

Sanders Theatre, Cambridge, Massachusetts — 8:15 p.m.

Genevieve + I took in all these historic occasions. Saw many of my old friends and colleagues and felt able to present them to Genevieve.

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

OF

THE FIRST PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION
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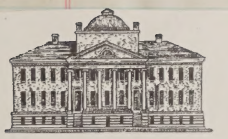

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL
ETHER CENTENARY

1846 1946

Exercises in Sanders Theatre

Harvard University

Cambridge

October 16, 1946 8:30 P.M.

PROGRAM

Chairman

RT. REV. HENRY K. SHERRILL, D.D., LL.D.
Chairman, Board of Trustees, Massachusetts General Hospital

Speakers

HENRY K. BEECHER, M.D.
Dorr Professor of Research in Anaesthesia, Harvard University
"THE EMERGENCE OF ANESTHESIA'S SECOND POWER"

EVARTS A. GRAHAM, M.D., SC.D., LL.D.
Bixby Professor of Surgery, Washington University
"THE INFLUENCE OF THE DISCOVERY OF ETHER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SURGERY"

RAYMOND B. FOSDICK, M.A., LL.D.
President of the Rockefeller Foundation
"THE NEED FOR WIDER RESEARCH"

KARL T. COMPTON, SC.D., LL.D.
President, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
"MEDICAL INTEREST IN RADIOACTIVITY FROM BECQUEREL TO BIKINI"

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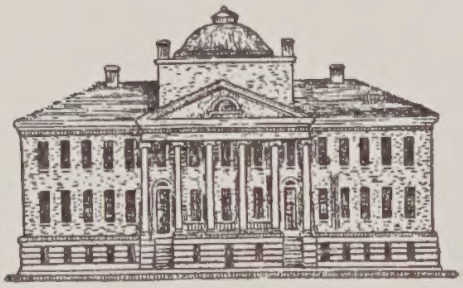

OCTOBER 14, 15, 16

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ALL MEETINGS, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED,

WILL BE HELD AT THE HOSPITAL

THE ETHER DAY COMMITTEE

Dr. James H. Means, *Chairman*
Mrs. David B. Arnold
Dr. Henry K. Beecher
Dr. Lincoln Davis
Dr. Nathaniel W. Faxon
Dr. George R. Minot
Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill
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THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL HOUSE PUPILS ALUMNI COMMITTEE

Dr. Arlie V. Bock, *Chairman*
Dr. J. Dellinger Barney
Dr. Joseph Garland
Dr. W. T. Sherman Thorndike

THE MEETINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

10 A.M.

SURGERY

DR. EDWARD D. CHURCHILL, *Chairman*

DR. MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY
"Military Surgery in World War II"

DR. CHARLES B. HUGGINS
"The Surgical Approach to the Problem of Malignant Disease"

DR. MARIUS N. SMITH-PETERSEN
"The Development of Surgery of the Joints"

DR. REGINALD H. SMITHWICK
"The Present Status of Surgery of the Autonomic Nervous System in Relation to Hypertension"

2 P.M.

PROGRESS IN THE STUDY OF DEGENERATIVE DISEASES

DR. JOSEPH C. AUB, *Chairman*

DR. WALTER BAUER

"The Origin and Nature of Degenerative Joint Diseases"

DR. PAUL D. WHITE

"Hopeful Aspects of the Future of So-called Degenerative Cardiovascular Disease"

DR. FULLER ALBRIGHT

"The Ageing of Bone and Treatment Thereof"

DR. JOHN J. BITTNER

"Characteristics of the Mammary Cancer Milk Agent in Mice"

DR. EDMUND V. COWDRY

"Accelerated and Retarded Ageing of the Skin and Its Consequences"

6:30 P.M.

ALUMNI DINNER — COPLEY PLAZA

DR. ARLIE V. BOCK, *President*

Speakers

DR. EDWARD D. CHURCHILL DR. STAFFORD L. WARREN

DR. JOHN C. SNYDER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

10 A.M.

ON THE FUNDAMENTAL NATURE OF THE ANESTHESIA PROCESS

DR. FRANCIS O. SCHMITT, *Chairman*

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"The Colloidal Structure of Nerve"

DR. R. LORENTE DE NÓ

"The Effects of Ether and Other Anesthetics on the Electrical Properties of Nerve Fibers and Cells"

DR. DETLEV W. BRONK

DR. F. BRINK and DR. P. W. DAVIES

"The Effects of Narcotics on the Activity and Oxygen Consumption of Nerve"

DR. RALPH W. GERARD

"Anesthetics and Cell Metabolism"

DR. IRVING LANGMUIR

"Correlations and General Remarks"

2 P.M.

SOME BASIC PROBLEMS OF ANESTHESIA

DR. HENRY K. BEECHER, *Chairman*

DR. ROBERT D. DRIPPS, JR.

"Effect of Anesthetics on Chemical Mediation of Nerve Impulses"

DR. BENJAMIN H. ROBBINS

"The Anesthetic Activity of Fluorinated Hydrocarbons"

DR. JAMES C. WHITE

"Procaine Block of the Sympathetic Nerves in the Study of Intractable Pain and Circulatory Disorders"

DR. JULIA ARROWOOD and DR. STANLEY J. SARNOFF

"Differential Spinal Block"

(A) The Basic concept and its use in the investigation of peripheral autonomic function.

(B) Its use in investigation of gastrointestinal innervation and somatic pain.

DR. EVERETT I. EVANS,
DR. B. W. HAYNES and DR. E. SMITH

"The Effect of Anesthesia on Cardiac Output in Man"

DR. CARL A. MOYER, DR. F. A. COLLER,
DR. V. IOB, DR. L. BRYANT and DR. H. VAUGHAN

"Some Effects of Anesthesia, Load and Composition Upon the Excretion of Water and Salt"

DR. HENRY K. BEECHER,
DR. M. F. WARREN and MISS A. J. MURPHY

"Implications as to Cellular Nutrition During Anesthesia"

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

10 A.M.

SOME PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF WOUNDS

DR. TRACY B. MALLORY, *Chairman*

DR. HENRY K. BEECHER
"The Internal State of the Recently Wounded Man"

DR. FIORINDO A. SIMEONE
"Blood Volume in the Wounded"

MR. SEYMOUR SHAPIRO
"Blood Chemistry"

DR. EUGENE R. SULLIVAN
"Hematologic Aspects"

DR. CHARLES H. BURNETT
"The Clinical Picture of Renal Insufficiency Following Wounding"

DR. TRACY B. MALLORY
"The Pathology of Shock"

2 P.M.

THE HOSPITAL IN THE COMMUNITY

DR. JAMES H. MEANS, *Chairman*

DR. REGINALD FITZ
"Ether Day—A Study in Public Relations"

DR. NATHANIEL W. FAXON
"The Voluntary Hospital — How Can It Survive in the Modern World?"

MISS IDA M. CANNON
"The Meaning of the Patient to the Hospital"

MR. WINSLOW CARLTON
"The Problem of Social Medicine. Equilibrating the Distribution and Technology of Medical Care"

DR. ALLAN M. BUTLER
"The Teaching Hospital's Service to the Public"

DR. GEORGE R. MINOT
"The Hospital — A Look Ahead"

5 P.M.

UNVEILING OF THE DANIEL FISKE JONES MEMORIAL,
MOSELEY AUDITORIUM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:15 P.M.

SANDERS THEATRE

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE

RT. REV. HENRY K. SHERRILL, *Chairman*

DR. HENRY K. BEECHER

"The Emergence of Anesthesia's Second Power"

DR. EVARTS A. GRAHAM

"The Influence of the Discovery of Ether on the Development of Surgery"

DR. RAYMOND B. FOSDICK

"The Need for Wider Research"

DR. KARL T. COMPTON

"Medical Interest in Radioactivity from Becquerel to Bikini"

THE SPEAKERS

DR. FULLER ALBRIGHT, Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard University, and Physician to the Massachusetts General Hospital

DR. JULIA G. ARROWOOD, Instructor in Anesthesia, Harvard University, and Assistant Anesthetist, Massachusetts General Hospital

DR. JOSEPH C. AUB, Professor of Research Medicine, Harvard University, Director of the Medical Laboratories of the Collis P. Huntington Memorial Hospital and Physician to the Massachusetts General Hospital

DR. WALTER BAUER, Associate Professor and Tutor in Medicine, Harvard University, and Physician to the Massachusetts General Hospital

DR. HENRY K. BEECHER, Henry I. Dorr Professor of Research in Anesthesia, Harvard University and Chief of the Anesthesia Service, Massachusetts General Hospital

DR. JOHN J. BITTNER, George Chase Christian Professor of Cancer Research and Director, Division of Cancer Biology, Department of Physiology, University of Minnesota Medical School

DR. ARLIE V. BOCK, Henry K. Oliver Professor of Hygiene, Harvard University, and Physician to the Massachusetts General Hospital

DR. DETLEV W. BRONK, Director, Johnson Foundation for Medical Physics, University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Charles H. Burnett, Chief Resident in Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Allan M. Butler, Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard University, and Chief of the Children's Medical Service, Massachusetts General Hospital

Miss Ida M. Cannon, Formerly Chief of Social Service, Massachusetts General Hospital

Mr. Winslow Carlton, Chairman of the Board of Group Health Insurance, Inc., New York

Dr. Edward D. Churchill, John Homans Professor of Surgery, Harvard University, and Chief of the West Surgical Service, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Karl T. Compton, President, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Dr. Edmund V. Cowdry, Professor of Anatomy, Washington University, and Director of Research, Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, Associate Professor of Surgery, School of Medicine, Tulane University

Dr. R. Lorente de Nó, Member, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research

Dr. Robert D. Dripps, Jr., Assistant Professor of Surgery (Anesthesia), University of Pennsylvania, and Director of Anesthesia, University Hospital

Dr. Everett I. Evans, Associate Professor of Surgery, Medical College of Virginia

Dr. Nathaniel W. Faxon, Director, Massachusetts General Hospital and Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

Dr. Reginald Fitz, Lecturer on the History of Medicine and Assistant to the Dean, Harvard Medical School, and Consulting Physician, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital

Dr. Raymond B. Fosdick, President, Rockefeller Foundation

Dr. Ralph W. Gerard, Professor of Physiology, University of Chicago

Dr. Evarts A. Graham, Bixby Professor of Surgery, Washington University, and Surgeon-in-Chief of the Barnes and St. Louis Children's Hospitals

Dr. Charles B. Huggins, Professor of Surgery, University of Chicago School of Medicine

Dr. Irving Langmuir, Nobel Laureate, Associate Director of Research, General Electric Company

Dr. Tracy B. Mallory, Assistant Professor of Pathology, Harvard University, and Chief of the Department of Pathology and Bacteriology, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. James H. Means, Jackson Professor of Clinical Medicine, Harvard University, and Chief of the Medical Services, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. George R. Minot, Nobel Laureate, Professor of Medicine, Harvard University, Director, Thorndike Memorial Laboratory and Visiting Physician, Boston City Hospital

Dr. Carl A. Moyer, Professor of Experimental Surgery, Southwestern Medical College

Dr. Benjamin H. Robbins, Professor of Anesthesia and Associate Professor of Pharmacology, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

Dr. Stanley J. Sarnoff, Research Fellow in Surgery, Harvard University, and Clinical Fellow in Surgery, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Francis O. Schmitt, Professor of Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Mr. Seymour Shapiro, Director, Biological Laboratory, Arlington Chemical Company

Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill, Bishop of Massachusetts and Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Fiorindo A. Simeone, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Harvard University, and Assistant Surgeon, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Marius N. Smith-Petersen, Formerly Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, Harvard University, and Chief of the Orthopedic Service, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Reginald H. Smithwick, Professor of Surgery, Boston University Medical School, and Surgeon-in-Chief, Massachusetts Memorial Hospital

Dr. John Snyder, Staff Member, International Health Division, Rockefeller Foundation

Dr. Eugene R. Sullivan, Assistant in Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Stafford Warren, Professor of Radiology, University of Rochester, and Radiologist-in-Chief, Strong Memorial Hospital

Dr. James C. White, Assistant Professor and Tutor in Surgery, Harvard University, and Chief of the Neurosurgical Service, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dr. Paul D. White, Clinical Professor of Medicine, Harvard University, and Physician to the Massachusetts General Hospital

HADLEY BARN MUSEUM.

The Johnson Historical barn in Hadley and the Amherst Historical house supplement each other in giving glimpses of New England life in-doors and out as it was a few generations back. The big rambling house with its furniture and great variety of things useful and ornamental gives one an idea of the housekeeping and work of the women folks of the period. The barn and its store of ancient farm tools and implements, on the other hand, gives one an impression of out-door life and work of the men folks. There are innumerable historical houses similar to the one in Amherst scattered throughout the country, but few, if any, other barns like Johnson's in Hadley.

The story of how Hadley barn museum came to be is charmingly told by Clifton Johnson, brother of the owner, in the July, 1932, bulletin of "The Society for the Preservation fo New England Antiques". "Henry R." who became the proprietor of the Springfield book store, Clifton writes, early developed a mania for antiques. In time he accumulated so many that he didn't know what to do with them all. He filled to overflowing his residence, somewhat to the diconcertion of his wife, his garage, his summer home and brother, Clifton's barn, in Hockanum, Hadley. His search for them, Clifton says, did not stop with the garrets. If conditions were promising, he went through the premises, even the cellars, barn and sheds. The old plows, forks, ox yokes and vehicles fascinated him. It so happened one day he came across an enormous, clumsy ox cart that charmed him. The frame was heavy timbers, and the hubs of the wheels were suggestive of bushel baskets. Not until after he had gotten possession of the thing did he think of where in thunder should he keep it.

After talking the matter over with Clifton, he decided that some sort of a rustic museum should be provided for the cart and other antiques he had and might in the future acquire. They agreed that it should not be one to illustrate furniture, customs and the indoor life of the homes, but whatever was significant in relation to labor in the fields and woodlands.

The problem of a suitable building was solved in 1928 by Dr. James L. Huntington giving him a big barn that was built on the Bishop Huntington farm in 1782. The building was moved to its present location on Russell Street, Hadley by D. Ruben Pomeroy of Amherst. It was dedicated on May 27, 1930, "To the Preservation of the Relics of the Past Which Show Industrial Activities of the Farm Life in the Connecticut Valley". Now this building (about 53 feet by 66 feet) two and a half stories high, with basement, is nearly filled from cellar to loft with a greater variety of relics of farm life than can be found anywhere else in the country.

The first object that is likely to take a visitor's attention is the fifteen-passenger coach that was used by the Hampshire House of Ware before the Civil War. Another particularly interesting object is an old mowing machine which Enos Montague of Amherst, formerly of Westhampton, says was bought by his grandfather and was one of the first to appear in this section. There is an array of old sleighs or pungs as they were called, a collection of broom-making tools and machines. (Hadley was famous for growing broom corn and making brooms before the farmers went into the tobacco and onion growing business.) There are a lot of carpenter and blacksmithing tools and appliances for making butter and cheese, and most impressive of all is the mamouth ox hay wagon previously mentioned, the father of the whole project.

In looking over the exhibit as a whole one is impressed with the weight and clumsiness of the tools formerly used in comparison with those of today. Whittier writes, "What calls back the past like rich pumpkin pie?" The answer is "Ye Old Hadley Barn Museum". Admission Free—Open May to November, Saturdays and Sundays from 2:30 to 5:00 p. m. At other times, apply to Mrs. West at her home across the street from the meeting house.

W. R. Brown

Communication

Editor,
Amherst **Record**,
Amherst, Mass.
Dear Sir:

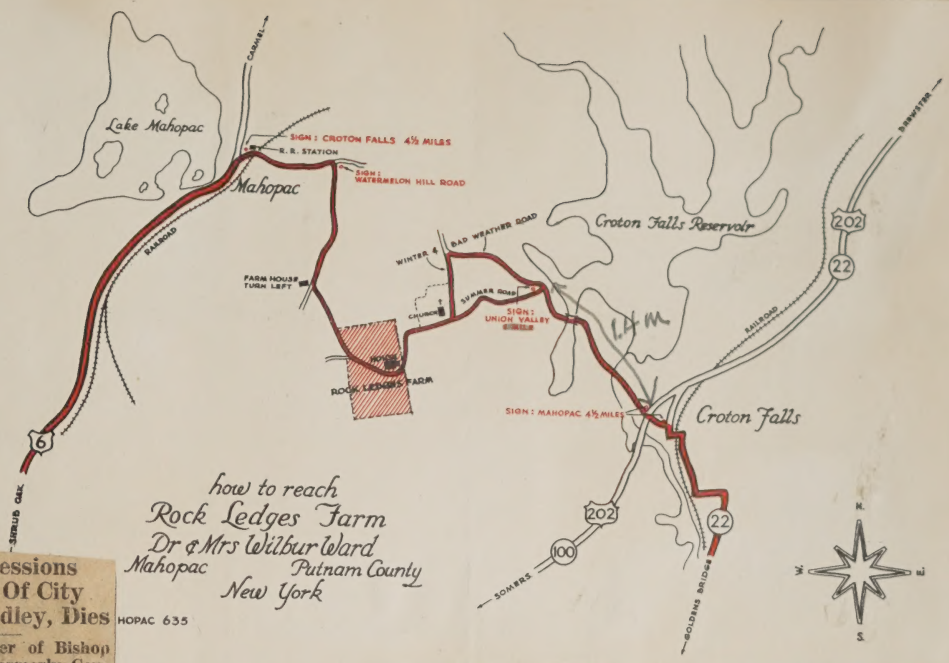
July 8, 1946

In the Amherst **Record** for June 27, 1946, there is an interesting sketch of a very important institution in the neighboring town of Hadley, namely, "Ye Old Hadley Farm Museum", not BARN Museum, as referred to in the article. This building was dedicated on its 149th birthday with fitting ceremonies on May 27, 1931, instead of the date given in the Amherst **Record**. When comparing this building with others in the vicinity, it might more fittingly be associated with the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in Hadley, for in close proximity to that mansion, this barn stood for nearly a century and a half. Charles Phelps, who built this barn, remodeled the mansion and it stands today exactly as left by him and contains, in large measure, the articles of furniture, books and household utensils used by him. The barn, most skillfully restored and beautified by Guy Kirkham, the distinguished architect from Springfield, is a veritable storehouse of early American craftsmanship and testifies to the indefatigable energy and genius of Henry Johnson. His brother Clifton, in his article in the July, 1932 number of "Old-time New England" (the Bulletin of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities) uses a restraint natural when writing of the achievements of a member of his own family.

The Professor of Colonial History at Harvard, has, more than once, sent a student, working on a post-graduate thesis, up to 'The Farm Museum' for inspiration and atmosphere.

Very truly yours,
James Lincoln Huntington M.D.

We go to a party at Wilbur Wardsfarm in Mahopac to celebrate the place, in the summer of 1945



Mrs. Ruth Sessions Formerly Of City And Hadley, Dies

Author, Daughter of Bishop Huntington, Formerly Conducted Sessions House Here. Was President of Children's Aid Association

Hadley, Dec. 3—Mrs. Ruth Huntington Sessions, 87, well known musician and author, died in Syracuse, N. Y., yesterday afternoon following an illness of several months. She was born in the famous Palmer house in Cambridge Nov. 5, 1859, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Frederick Dan Huntington. Mrs. Sessions was educated in Syracuse, N. Y., and in Leipzig, Germany, where she studied music for three years. Upon returning to this country, she taught music in Mrs. Platt's school, Utica, N. Y.

She was married Nov. 16, 1887, to Archibald Lowery Sessions. He died in 1927. For 20 years, Mrs. Sessions conducted a home on Elm street, Northampton, for 40 Smith college girls. She later sold this home to the college and it is now known as the Sessions house.

Mrs. Sessions developed the Phelps estate opposite the historical Huntington place in Hadley, into one of the leading dairy farms in this region, now known as Phelps farm. Among the many of her altruistic efforts was assistance she gave in the formation of the Children's Aid association of Northampton. She served as the organization's second president. Her books, "Sixty Odd" and "Ups and Downs of Emily," brought her national recognition.

She is survived by two sons, John Archibald Sessions of Hadley, Prof. Roger Huntington Sessions of the University of California; a daughter, Mrs. Paul S. Andrews of Syracuse, N. Y., and three grandsons, three granddaughters and one great-grandson.

The funeral will be held in Syracuse Wednesday. There will be a private committal service at the home and later a memorial service in St. John's church, Northampton, the time and date to be announced.

Mrs. A. L. Sessions Dies At 87, Author, Poet

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 2 (AP)—Mrs. Archibald L. Sessions, daughter of the late Bishop Frederick Dan Huntington and formerly a resident of Hadley, Mass., died today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Shipman Andrews. She was 87.

Mrs. Sessions was the author of many stories and poems, and her autobiography, "Sixty Odd," was published in 1936.

She leaves besides her daughter, two sons, Prof. Roger Huntington Sessions of Berkeley, Calif., and John A. Sessions of Hadley, Mass.

May 26, 1947—5

Kathleen Chadburn, John H. Huntington Engaged To Marry

The engagement is announced of Miss Kathleen Margaret Chadburn, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ludlow Chadburn of Bexhill, Sussex, England, to John H. Huntington, younger son of Dr. James Lincoln Huntington of "Forty Acres," Hadley, and Mrs. Stanley L. Bahner of 100 Beacon street, Boston.

The wedding will take place July 7. The bride will be given in marriage by her brother, Robert, of Lincolnshire. Rev. M. L. Man of High Halden, Kent, will officiate. After a two-weeks' wedding trip on the Continent, Mr. and Mrs. Huntington will be at home at 12 Riverbank Staines, Middlesex.

Mr. Huntington attended Phillips Exeter academy and was graduated from Harvard college where he was a member of the Signet society, the Advocate, the Hasty Pudding Institute of 1776 and the Iroquois club. During the war he served in North Africa in the American field service and was attached to the City of London light field ambulance, British Eighth army. Last year, he was a member of the English faculty at Milton academy, Milton. He is at present associate editor of Putnam and company, Ltd., publisher, in London. Mr. Huntington is a member of the Harvard club of New York city, the American society of London and the Harvard club of London.

Miss Chadburn is a medical school student at the Royal Free hospital for Women in London, where she expects to continue until she has completed her studies.

Miss Chadburn, Mr. Huntington To Wed in July

From London, comes the announcement of the engagement of Miss Kathleen Margaret Chadburn to Mr. John Higginson Huntington, son of Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley and Mrs. Stanley L. Balmer of Boston.

Miss Chadburn, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis Chadburn (Kate Adams), is a student at the Royal Free Hospital for Women, in London. She is a sister of Miss Elizabeth Chadburn and of Mr. Robert Chadburn.

Mr. Huntington, brother of Dr. Benjamin L. Huntington of Boston, was graduated in 1940 from Harvard, where he was a member of the Iroquois Club, Hasty Pudding and Harvard Advocate. He was with the American Field Service, from April, 1942, to September, 1943, then taught at Loomis Institute and Milton Academy. He is now an associate editor of Putnam & Co., Ltd., and a member of Peternosters and the American Society of London.

They will be married in July and will make their home in London.

John H. Huntington To Wed in London

Hadley Man Will Marry at St. Paul's Garden

Hadley, May 25—The engagement has been announced of Miss Kathleen Margaret Chadburn of Bexhill, Sussex, Eng., to John H. Huntington, younger son of Dr. James Lincoln Huntington of "Forty Acres", River Dr., and Mrs. Stanley L. Balmer of Beacon St., Boston.

The wedding will take place in St. Paul's Garden, London, on July 7. The bride will be given in marriage by her brother, Robert, of Lincolnshire, and Rev. M. L. Man of High Halden, Kent, will officiate. After a wedding trip, the couple will live at 12 Riverbank, Staines, Middlesex.

Mr. Huntington attended Phillips Exeter Academy and was graduated from Harvard College where he was a member of the Signet Society, the Advocate, the Hasty Pudding Institute of 1776 and the Iroquois Club.

During the war he served in North Africa in the American Field Service and was attached to the City of London Light Field Ambulance, British 8th Army. Last yearm he was a member of the English faculty at Milton Academy and is now associate editor of Putnam and Co., Ltd., publishers, in London. He is a member of the Harvard Club of New York City, the American Society of London and the Harvard Club of London.

Miss Chadburn is a medical student at the Royal Free Hospital for Women in London.

Monday, July 7, 1947

John Huntington Wed In England

John Higginson Huntington, younger son of Dr. James Lincoln Huntington of Hadley and Mrs. Stanley L. Balmer of Boston, and Miss Kathleen Margaret Chadburn, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ludlow Chadburn of Bexhill, Sussex, England, were married in a 3 o'clock service July 7, in St. Paul's church, Covent Garden, London.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Robert W. Chadburn of Sudbrook Hill farm, Grantham, Lincolnshire. Derick Hoare of London was the best man, and David M. Man, as an usher, was the only other attendant. The Rev. M. L. Man of High Holden, Kent, officiated.

A reception was held at 6 Stanhope Gate, Cuzon street. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Constant Huntington, formerly of New York and Massachusetts, the Duke of Wellington, Viscount and Viscountess Esher, the Earl and Countess of Cranbrook, the Lady Leconfield, the Count and Countess Montgelas, Baroness Budberg, Lady Fisher, the Hon. Lady Glyn, the Hon. Lady Beckett, Sir Malcolm and Lady Robertson, Sir Robert H. Bruce Lockhart, the Hon. Mrs. Emmet, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Martyn Skinner, Mrs. Harley Granville-Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Romilly John, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Toynbee and Elizabeth Bowen. Harold Latham, an editor with MacMillan and company, was the only guest from America

Following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Huntington left for their wedding trip to Paris, the South of France, and Andorra in the Pyrennees. On their return they will live at 12 Riverbank, Staines, Middlesex.

Mr. Huntington, who was attached to the British Eighth army in North Africa as a member of the American field service during the war and taught senior honors English at Milton academy, Milton, last year, is now associate editor of Putnam and company, Ltd., London publishers. He is a graduate of the Phillips Exeter academy and of Harvard college, where he was a member of Signet society, the Iroquois club, the Hasty Pudding institute of 1776, and the Harvard Advocate.

Mrs. Huntington is a medical student at the Royal Free hospital in London.

1948

We were delighted to receive this letter from Dr. James Lincoln Huntington (*SS* 1908). Dr. Huntington classifies himself as "an old-timer", and goes on to say:.

Recently I spent three weeks in the dear old hospital while Eddy Cave and Charles Short steered me back from crippling arthritis to active duty. God bless them! Faxon, Thorndike, Allen, Irving, Pemberton, Pier, Giddings, Jr., Fletcher Colby, and others made my stay very enjoyable and a continued round of reunions.

Now I have returned to the practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Northampton, with my very able assistant, James E. Cavanagh, now licensed by the American Board.

I cordially invite all MGH graduates, if and when they are ever in this area, to visit with me.

A daughter, Ann, was born to John and Kathleen (Chadburn) Huntington, at Queen Charlotte's hospital, London, England, May 31. Mr. Huntington is the young-

er son of Dr. James L. Huntington of Forty Acres.

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Saturday, July 24, 1948

Emily Dickinson's Life Story In Play At Provincetown

'Eastward in Eden,' Written by Smith Graduate, Has Catherine Huntington, Granddaughter of Bishop Huntington, in Cast

Background and birthplaces play an important part in the play to be presented at the Provincetown (Mass.) Playhouse summer theater starting Monday and continuing through July 31. Emily Dickinson's life story, "Eastward in Eden," as written by Smith college graduate Dorothy Gardener, is the vehicle in which another Connecticut Valley man, Keith Chalmers, born in Holyoke, plays one of the major roles besides directing the production. Miss Gardener, whose "Eastward in Eden" was chosen as one of the ten best plays for 1947-48, absorbed extensive history and background on Amherst, the home of Emily Dickinson, while an undergraduate at Smith. Catherine Huntington, who will also appear in the play this week at Provincetown, is the grand-daughter of Bishop Frederic D. Huntington, who in his youth knew Emily Dickinson and corresponded with her. Bishop Huntington's old home is now the home of Dr. James L. Huntington, who practices in Northampton.

PROVINCETOWN, MASS. THURSDAY,

Huxley To Follow Eastward In Eden

Author Comments On Production Of Current Play—First Showing Of "The World Of Light"

Dorothy Gardner, whose "Eastward in Eden" continues through Saturday at the Playhouse said in reference to the present production of her play, "It has been a great pleasure to come to Provincetown and work with the group. The audiences quite obviously respond as gratefully as I do. From the angle of production I am also amazed and delighted by the results of the Provincetown Playhouse technical skill. The actors who work also as technicians headed by Charles Moore, who plays Dr. Wadsworth with a power and simplicity to shame many a Broadway hero, designed and built a simple set that is completely in the mood of the play. Lighting effects for which I asked and was told were impossible in New York are now a vital part of the play. Virginia Thoms has caught fully the magic and quicksilver moods and has brought passion and complete reality to the part. She is Emily Dickinson —and that says a lot. Such theatre serves a vital function for playwrights and should be encouraged all over the country if finer writing is to come to the American stage."

Following "Eastward In Eden" the Playhouse presents Aldous Huxley's comedy of ideas, "The World Of Light," shown for the first time in this country. Long known for his brilliant novels, "Point Counter Point", "Brave New World" and "Antic Hay" Huxley is now proving a successful playwright. His "The Giaconda Smile" is drawing crowds

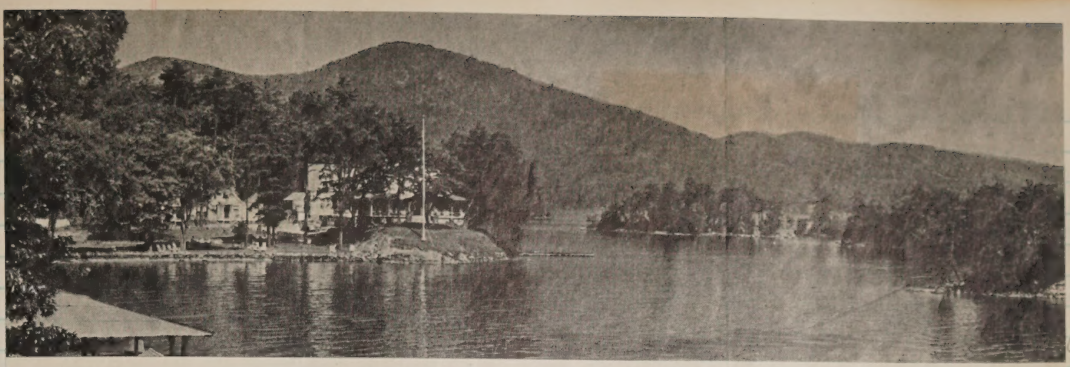
Catharine Huntington plays in The World Of Light

this summer in London with Clive Brook and Pamela Brown in leading parts.

Mr. Huxley gave special permission to the Playhouse company to produce "The World Of Light" regretting that he could not see the production before he left to return to England after some time in California. The play, written some years ago, is unknown to Broadway and suits an intimate theatre. The theme concerns contemporary life and deals with the situation both touching and sardonic of people closely connected who try and fail to communicate with each other.

It seems only through some supposedly occult means that understanding is established between a father and son. Mr. Wenham and Hugo are played by James Andrews and Jay Davis respectively, Catherine Gabrielle now in the role of Helen Hunt Jackson in the Emily Dickinson play will take the part of Enid, Hugo's fiancee. Mrs. Wenham is played by Catharine Huntington and Charles Moore as Hugo's friend and Stanley Jay as the Medium, Norman Beim as the publisher and Janet Owen as the maid round out the cast.

In producing "The World Of Light" the Playhouse brings the first example of this playwright's work to Provincetown.



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HAGUE, NEW YORK

M. P. Clifton, Prop. — B. A. Clifton, Mgr.

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A Week At A Time

On one of these superlative July days I went back for an afternoon at Forty Acres, the beautiful old Porter-Phelps-Huntington, home on the road between Hadley and North Hadley. I suppose I've driven past the house nigh onto five thousand times, and, summer or winter, have never failed to give my soul a lift by looking at the gambrel-roofed house sitting down there in the lane amidst its great elms, the very perfection of setting. If that great house had its stance close by the road on a level with it the effect would be more average. If it stood on a hill it would be overgrand—but comfortably settled on a little rise from the lowest point of the line it makes you feel that it belongs.

Summer there is a succession of wild flowers down to the line of the mown lawn. Back of the house are the old perennials—the orange lilies, the shrubs that have come through the years. As a very small person, and then growing up, there was a picture that lasts. A gentle, white-haired old man would be sitting out there with a black cap over his white-locks, attended by the biggest dogs I had ever seen. Usually he would be reading a book if he were alone. Or you would see him strolling through his garden paths with the hollyhocks and lilies and delphinum and the old sweet-smelling herbs. He was Bishop Frederick Dan Huntington who had made history by his own beautiful life and had become famous in New England theology and theology meant something in those days. He had gone the other way than the trend in days just before him. He had given up the Unitarianism with its high intellectualism and gone into the Episcopal church. That was before Bishop Phillips Brooks came along to make the stream he set going, into a flood. Bishop Huntington was made Bishop of Central New York and lived to be a very old man. He lived in Syracuse which was the see of his diocese. Every summer he came back to Forty Acres where his family had lived for so many generations ever since there had been a Hadley. His whole world revered him.

Once when I was of high school age I was drafted to go and ask the Bishop if we girls could pick chestnuts in his fine woods. He asked me my name. He knew my father and knew there was a good family of children on the Ryan farm. Then he patted my head and said, "Yes, you can gather my chestnuts because if you don't the squirrels will. But you must make me one promise. You must promise not to scare my Jerseys." Quite an unnecessary charge. The Bishop had a famous herd of Jerseys. He used to say he would not be tempted to take a vacation abroad because he had to spend his summers where he could hear the church bell just across the river from Hatfield and get the sunsets over the lovely meadow and keep watch of his Jerseys. They were his trips abroad and his works of art and they cost about as much. However, there came a summer when his doctor ordered a trip and the Bishop went to England.

His grandson, Dr. James L. Huntington is now the squire at Forty Acres. Back of him as the white men who had right and title to the place are eight generations. Samuel Porter, first white male child born in Hadley town was the first (all the boys born in Hadley before that were Indians). His grandson, Capt. Moses Porter, had to pay the venegance price for the white man's occupation of the redman's lands. He commanded a company in the French and Indian Wars and was killed in the battle of Morning Scout on Lake George. His captors drove pine fagots into his body and set fire to them. Dr. Huntington let me hold the sword the Captain wore when he gave his life. But Moses Porter had built the handsome house where we were re-studying his gifts to time. He left a young wife and lovely daughter, Elizabeth, who married Charles Phelps. He was the "Squire" who developed Moses Porter's "plantation" with the help of such a force as 25 indentured slaves for whom was built the long veranda looking towards the river and which the family for some reason called "The Stoop." There it is now with the oars tucked away on their places on the wall just as the many generations of youth that grew up under the bending roof would store them between trips on the river. No generation that lived there went out into the world with more power than that created by Rev. Dan Huntington, who came up from Connecticut by advice of his close friend Timothy Dwight, married the beautiful and brilliant Elizabeth Phelps. They came to Hadley and Forty Acres and there reared their eleven sons and daughters.

The youngest, in this great family, was Frederick Dan, who inherited the philosopical, religious and theological trends of his forbears. It's an historic story of training in the Unitarian school which had its center in Northampton, the old Hadley Congregational church, which excommunicated his mother, and at Amherst college until Boston and Harvard accepted him as a great religious teacher and preacher, and then his historic movement out of the Unitarian into the Trinitarian school. Soon after that came his elevation to be the first Bishop of the newly created diocese of central New York. All of this made a great chapter in the religious life of New England Protestantism of that time.

No mattter how the currents of life ran, with his marriage to the rarely fine Hannah Sargent, a descendant of that Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, who was George Washington's aide, his life with the intellectual great in Boston and Cambridge, his notable career in central New York, he always came back to the fine old house under its noble elms close by the life-giving river, within sound of the church bells, and call of his neighbors.

It seems hardly possible that it was as long ago as 1864 that the youngest of the Dan Huntington children bought the interests of his brothers and sisters in the lovely estate. It is in the records that the parishioners of his first parish, Emmanuel church in Boston, found out that he wanted to buy that property and gave him the money required as a token of their love.

Bishop Huntington's summer time letters to his friends everywhere would very often find place for his feeling about the beautiful old home. In a letter written during the sixties he said, "I cannot allow that there is anything in this world more lovely, more perfect—in its kind—than this beloved old homestead where I was born; with the windings of the river, the green meadows and still waters of an earthly Paradise, the flowing outlines of the distant western hills, the splendid urn-shaped and sheath-shaped elms around us and over us, the woods not far off, at the east, with large grassy yards and hayfields on every side." Such things do last. They were the picture we had on our pleasant Sunday afternoon. And there was the same devotion to the "beautiful old home" in the heart of Dr. James Huntington.

He took us into his sunken garden, made in the cellar hole of the old barn that long since went down the highway to Hadley to become the museum set up back of the town hall. The barn is important not only for its hand hewn beams and splendid construction but because here Burgoyne soldiers were held, when they came as prisoners of war on their march back from Saratoga. There he has the many flowers, each in their season, with a pool and a dog that sits on the bank and threatens the screened-in bullfrog.

In his day Bishop Huntington always had dogs, enormous dogs. It was a picture to see him with his book under the trees and the guarding dogs. But Dr. Huntington wasn't concentrating on orange lilies or elm splendor or the western hills. He was telling us about the fine old house, how it was built and then swung around. He has the date of the very boards and hinges. The house is a complete museum now, with maps and pictures on the walls that are priceless, and with great old beds, chests that date back to that first child, white male child born in Hadley, desks, tables, highboys, Turkish rugs of extraordinary beauty, fireplaces with their early fitting, exquisite china and glass. It is the house that to Dr. Huntington is the gem of purest ray.

It is a treat to hear him tell the stories of the contents of the house. It is Dr. Huntington's desire that what Yale's Timothy Dwight, back in the end of the eighteenth century described as the "most desirable possession of the same kind and extent within my knowledge" be kept as an historical museum where students of such things may come and learn the way people of fine old families lived even as far back as the days of Hadley's first "white male child." The old mansion will be host to the Huntington Family Association for a big family gathering on August 22 and 23. I could remind Dr. Huntington that Dorothy Dwight belongs to the Huntington Family Association and so my grandchildren have a Huntington inheritance and that they all plan to be answering the roll call at the big family event a month away.

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R.I. BEST SELLERS

FICTION: Point of No Return, The Chain; NON-FICTION: Peace of Soul, Cheaper by the Dozen, And One to Grown On, Seven Storey Mountain.

THE DOCTOR WEARS THREE FACES, by Mary Bard, (Lippincott, $3): Betty MacDonald's sister can write for fun, too: an amusing memoir of the tribulations of an M.D.'s wife.

JOURNEY TO THE END OF THE NIGHT, by Louis Ferdinand Celine. (New Directions, $3.50): new edition of that violent novel which first appeared in the U. S. in 1934.

FORTY ACRES, by James Lincoln Huntington, (Hastings, $3.50): story of the old Bishop Huntington house at Hadley, Mass., with many photographs by Samuel Chamberlain.

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Local Region Authors Have New Books Out

1949

Amherst, May 20—Several books likely to be of special interest to Amherst people have come out recently or are scheduled for early publication. Presumably most important because of its relation to man's physical welfare is Tante Marie's French Kitchen, translated and arranged by Charlotte Turgeon, wife of Prof. F. K. Turgeon of Amherst college. Forty Acres, the story of the Bishop Huntington house in Hadley, written by Dr. James Lincoln Huntington and illustrated with fine photographs by Samuel Chamberlain is a very attractive book available now in the book stores and libraries. Dr. Arthur B. Beaumont of Amity street and the United States department of agriculture, is the author of Garden Soils, their use and conservation. Dr. Beaumont came to Amherst in 1917 to teach at the University of Massachusetts and is now soil conservationist for the federal government with headquarters in Amherst.

At last and after many postponements Eastward in Eden, the love story of Emily Dickinson, written by Dorothy Gardner, is scheduled for publication by Longman's Green company of New York city on next Wednesday, May 25. Still further postponed but marked for definite publication of June 13 is Robert Frost's "Complete Poems. Henry Holt & Co. of New York city, the publishers, say there will be two issues of this complete collected edition of America's best loved poet, the regular trade edition and a special limited edition on rag paper, numbered and autographed.

"Books of the Week" include: The Cleveland Indians, a history by Franklin A. Lewis; How To Build Modern Kitchen Kitchen Cabinets, complete directions by Milton Gunerman; Dickens, His Character, Comedy and Career, a biography by Kesketh Pearson; Forty Acres, the story of the Bishop Huntington House, by James Lincoln Huntington; Tante Marie'h French Kitchen, translated and adapted by Charlotte Turgeon; And One To Grow On, recollections of a Maine boyhood, by John Gould; The Winosski, heartway of Vermont, by Ralph Nading Hill; Fresh Water Fishing, bait and fly casting, spinning, lures and equipment, by Arthur H. Carhart.

Checkers Is Going To Put on the Dog In Amherst Show

Hadley, Jan. 30—Checkers, an English bulldog owned by Dr. James L. Huntington and Mrs. Huntington of Forty Aces, has been assigned a leading role in "Tune Time," the musical revue and minstrel to be presented this week end at Bowker auditorium in Amherst. Also appearing in the Roger's production will be Mrs. Huntington and Mrs. Doris Logan, leaders of the Hadley Fred Waring Vocal Club, and Dr. Huntington.

HADLEY

Several Hadley residents will pear in 'Tune Time," the mu- al revue and minstrel to be d Feb. 3 and 4 at Bowker ditorium in Amherst. Dr. nes' L. Huntington, Mrs. nevieve Huntington and Mrs. ris Logan will appear in the gers' production as will heckers," the Huntingtons' ented dog.

From
The Evening Sun
Baltimore Maryland
March 14 1950.

Famous Huntington

To the Editor of The Evening Sun — *Sir:* As historian of the Huntington family, I cannot let pass the statement in *The Evening Sun* for February 23, which has just been brought to my attention.

In that paper under the name of Robert Ordway Foote are these sentences: "Samuel Huntington signed the Declaration of Independence. Beyond that, history is silent on him." Either Mr. Foote does not read history or else his authorities are singularly lacking in details about one of the greatest figures in the history of Connecticut, to say nothing about his service to his country during and after the revolution.

Here are a few facts concerning the most famous of all Huntingtons: In 1774 he was appointed associate judge of the Superior Court of Connecticut. In October, 1775, the General Assembly, of which he was now a member, appointed him a delegate to the Continental Congress, in which he took his seat January, 1776. He was a member of this body until 1781. Besides serving a term as president from September, 1779, to July, 1781, he was also a member of many of the most important committees, such as: Indian Affairs, Manufacture of Arms, Capture and Condemnation of Prisoners, and Supplies of Ammunition. He was also a member of the Marine Court. In 1784 he was appointed chief justice of the Superior Court of Connecticut. In 1785 he was chosen lieutenant governor and in 1786 Governor of the State of Connecticut, and to this office he was elected annually until his death in 1796.

While he had no children of his own he had over 60 nephews and nieces, so many that in his later years he was called "Uncle Sam" by all the people of Norwich. It is a family tradition that because of this and his prominence in national affairs, he was the original of our American figurehead "Uncle Sam." In Lossing's "Pictorial Field Book of the Revolution" there are no less than ten references to this distinguished patriot.

California may probably well consider fame as resting upon "the things money has preserved." Here in New England we prefer to honor public service and continue to cherish its achievements through succeeding centuries.

James Lincoln Huntington, M.D.
Historian of the Huntington Family Association.
Hadley, Mass., March 4.

Fan Letter Praises Comedian Mike Garvey

Dear Mike,

Thank you for adding to the hilarity of "Tune Times" last Friday and Saturday night. No one who has known you as a quiet, efficient, and courteous mailman would have guessed that you are a comedian at heart. You had competition for comic honors from others in the cast of "Tune Times", to be sure, but for my taste you were tops. What facia expressions, what stage presence what an accent, what a walk! They were equal to the efforts of some of the professional funny-men I hav seen. Long have I admired the pro fessional, Bert Lahr; may I dub you Amherst's amateur Bert Lahr?

I offer just a bit of caution, which I doubt if you need. It is this; please don't let all the well-deserved praise that comes to your ears go to your head!

If you give your talents to another show in Amherst in the future, Mike count on me to be in the audience maybe for two nights.

Your Appreciative Fan

1950

Amherst 'Tune Time' Show To Be Colorful Performance

Entertainment Friday and Saturday to Raise Funds to Buy Band Instruments for Town Schools

Amherst, Jan. 30—There will be entertainment for young and old at the Band Parents' show, "Tune Time," on Friday and Saturday, in Bowker Auditorium on the University of Massachusetts campus, according to Mrs. Arthur Niedeck, president of the association. "The Band Parents are greatly appreciative of the help and support being given our activities to raise money to buy instruments for musical organizations in the junior and senior high schools", stated Mrs. Niedeck.

Many Favorites

Included in the show are many local favorites as well as talented newcomers. Prof. James Ferrigno who starred recently in the popular UM's "Faculty Frantics," will divide master of ceremony duties with Vernon Ingraham. Others making up the cast of "Tune Time" include: Donald Cadigan as "Cheerful Charlie;" a newsboy, Tommy Sullivan; Pfc. Joe Smith and his Girl Friend, Henry Pierce and Kathleen Jacobs; Mr. and Mrs. Musclebound, Dr. Thomas Sullivan and Della Sullivan; Mrs. Heatherstone and son, Junior, Mrs. Dorothy Coyne and Billy Van Cudenhove; Humphrey Thistleditch, Charles Plumer. In a snappy scene with a snappier ending appear Arthur Niedeck, Richard Thompson, Mrs. Pamela Coe.

Adding a touch of gaiety to this scene are the "Dancing Stenographers," Nancy Nestle, Judith Cadigan, Margaret Kennedy, Susan Nutter, Marguerite Follett, Geraldine Hart, Norma Naeh, Marion Coyne, Roscille Nelson, Jane Hartman, Raclene Carey, and Teresa Ennis. A third episode finds Mrs. Arthur Niedeck, the glamorous housewife, taking her radio too literally. She is assisted by Anthony Zaitz, Richard Maxson, Mary Stuart and Marilyn English. These are but three of the eight scenes which make up the first act of the show.

Others playing important roles are Carol Tiffany, Margaret Garvy, Janice Murray, Beatrice Rogers, Rebecca French, Ruth Greene, Phyllis Davenport, Phyllis Pierce, Barbara Jelski, Roberta Goodelle, Barbara Ives and Priscilla Pelletier as Riding Girls on A Canter in the Park; Inex Card, Anne Tilton and Emily Wheeler, nurses; Robert Thomas, a poc; Dr. James Huntington, Kingsley Perry, Harold Warner, Asbury Dunn, and Edward Barton, the "dear little babies;" Michael Garvey, Eveline Sears, Eleanor Dunn, Ruth Shepard, Nancy Whitbread and their other "little" friends combine to make it hard for Doris Abramson as "Miss Clockstopper". The first act ends starring Genevieve Huntington and the talented "Checkers" Huntington of Hadley.

Second Act

The second act, "Showtime", will present David Good, Conrad Hemand, Norman Card, Harold Elder, Florence Ames, Cynthia Childs, Eloise White, Carroll White, Robert Ames, Robert Pearsons, Henri Krafts, William Cole, 3d, David Elder, Lincoln Porter, Ward Kennedy, Donald Parsons, William Marden, Josephine Deiz, Alice Shipman, Dorothy Robb, Marjorie Barstow, Marion Shipman, Mary Barstow, Rosemary Wolowicz, Lillian Eddy, Cynthia White, Kathleen White, Harriette Darling, Barbara Daykins, Anna May White, Nancy Sears, and Carold Magoon.

Tickets are available at the Jeffery Amherst Music Shop; from Junior and High School pupils and members of the cast.

"Tune Time" Cast Tired But Happy

Near-capacity audiences enjoyed both showings of the Amherst Band Parents production "Tune Time' which was presented in Bowker Auditorium last Friday and Saturday. The fine talent displayed by many old and new favorites in Amherst combined with the able direction of Mr William Harford of the John B. Rogers Company of Fostoria, Ohio, to produce a frolicking type of musical revue packed full of variety.

The quick changes from apparent seriousness to comedy, the sudden "blackouts", bursts of song and startling dance routines done by Amherst High School girls with real touches of professionalism kept the audience alternately in quiet, pleasurable anticipation or in side-splitting laughter. The laughter has continued through the week as people recalled the antics of the five "dumbwaiters" in the second act or the "bad boys and good little girls" in "School Daze" to say nothing of those six "dear little brats" or the "glamorous housewife" who ended up as "nobody's dreamgirl" amidst a roar of approval from the crowd.

From the youngest to the oldest in the cast no one person can be singled out for special mention but, being the only dog in the show "Checkers" Huntington can be given an extra biscuit. As Mrs. Sullivan put it, "It was a lot of work, but a lot of fun too and I want to thank everybody who stayed with us for the fine job they did. It meant a great deal of work and time for everyone and we appreciate this greatly."

Mrs. Arthur Niedeck, President of the Band Parents Association, announced today "Our show 'Tune Time' was a great success in every way and I want Amherst people to know that the generous support given the show by business and professional men and women, by the friends and parents of Amherst school children and by our

"Tune Time" . . .

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many out-of-town friends is a real source of inspiration. As most of you know, the proceeds of 'Tune Time' and of other activities of the Association will be used to purchase some of the instruments needed to round out a school band and orchestra of which Amherst people can be proud."

February & March 1950 Logging in Bonetts Woods on Pleasant St

Hadley Water District Votes $40,000 Third Reservoir

Waters of Shingle Mill Brook Will Be Impounded; Cost Includes Entire Job

1950

Hadley, Jan. 30—Voters attending the annual meeting of the Hadley Water Supply District today gave the commissioners permission to borrow $40,000 to increase the water supply by constructing a third reservoir in the watershed. The new reservoir and dam will impound waters of Shingle Mill Brook and will be located about a mile from the lower reservoir. The cost would also include tapping a second brook, pipe and the purchase of land.

Consumption Up

Commissioner Seymour H. Parker asserted that although it was not necessary to impose restrictions on use of water during the recent drought, consumption is on the increase and now is the time to prepare for the future. He said the loan incurred under the project would be paid in not more than 20 years.

Edward P. West, a former commissioner, explained the location of Shingle Mill Brook and described it as an excellent source of water supply.

No estimate of the cost has yet been made but engineers will be called in soon to survey the area. The commissioners believe a six-inch pipe from the proposed reservoir to the lowest reservoir would be sufficient. Adolph A. Pellissier and Edward J. Banack suggested that an eight or 10-inch main be installed. Commissioner Roger C. Barstow disclosed that only an eight-inch main feeds the district from the lower reservoir and the proposed six-inch line linking the basins should prove adequate.

Will Acquire Land

The voters also gave the commissioners authority to acquire land near Shingle Mill Brook to protect the watershed. The cost was included under the general maintenance appropriation. It was explained that the Amherst College Ski Club has been purchasing considerable land in the area for its ski run and the district desires no encroachment on its watershed.

Slight increases in the water rates were approved. On a motion of Mrs. Alice Banack, a proposed tax of $2 per year on automatic dish washing machines was excluded from the revised list. Mrs. Banack maintained that this type of device actually saves water in the average household.

The commissioners explained they intended the rate for public automatic dish washers. Mr. Banack suggested that a rate be levied against carrot washing machines, which, he said, use large quantities of water.

Pay $8 a Year

Bar rooms and restaurants will now pay $8 per year for water as against the old rate of $3. One family dwellings will be raised only from $8 to $9 and other proportionate rates are listed. Engines for steaming, public use, will cost $10 per year and tobacco shop steamers, the same amount. They have not heretofore been taxed under this category. Metered water rates which start at .34 per 100 cubic feet per half year for the first 3000, apply to only one consumer, Montgomery Co., Inc., florists.

The sum of $9125 was voted for estimated expenses during 1950. This figure covers salaries which are, commissioners, $100 each per year, auditor $25 and treasurer, $500.

Cook Named Clerk

Warren Cook of Russell St. was elected clerk and treasurer over Chester Gronostalski of Russell St., by 18 votes, 65 to 47. The terms are for one year. Frank Zalot, Sr., was re-elected commissioner for three years without opposition.

Donald Beaver of Hockanum polled 29 votes to lead all candidates for auditor for one year, but moderator William H. Murphy ruled that Beaver was not eligible to be on the ballot for he resides outside the water district. He said, however, the commissioners could appoint Beaver to the position if they so desired.

Mrs. Rachel Smith nominated John T. Martula for auditor, but Mr. Martula declined the nomintaion.

Thanks Pelissier

The commissioners officially thanked Adolph A. Pelissier, clerk and treasurer for 29 years and Daniel P. Sullivan, auditor for many years, for their benefits to the district. Neither sought re-election. They also thanked Dr. James L. Huntington who contributed a pipe line in River Dr. to the district.

1950

May Open 'Hamp's New Medical Center On Monday

Northampton, Jan. 27 — The city's new medical center, built in the past year in a co-operative enterprise by a group of Northampton physicians surgeons and dentists, probably will be officially opened next Monday.

The two-story brick building, in an attractive setting at Elm St. and Maynard Rd., is completed and finishing touches were being put on the structure by window washers, this afternoon.

Complete medical and dental care, it was reported, will be available at the center, and among those who will occupy quarters in the building are Dr. Edward J. Manwell, Dr. Clare Manwell, Dr. Stephen Brown, Dr. Hugh Tatlock, Dr. James Cavanaugh, Dr. David B. Jennison, and Dr. G. F. Osborne.

Boston Herald

ONESDAY, APRIL 26, 1950

Social Chatter

By Alison Arnold

News comes from London of the birth of a son, Peter Chadburn Huntington, on April 21, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to the John H. Huntingtons. Mr. Huntington was a member of the class of 1940 at Harvard and is now managing director of Putnam & Co., Ltd., book publishers, of London. Peter's paternal grandparents are Mrs. Stanley L. Balmer of Beacon street and Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley. Mrs. Thomas Barbour of Clarendon street is his great-aunt.

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

1949

HADLEY

Another DP Is Bound For Town

(Special to the Gazette)

New York, Sept. 17—Permitted to enter the United States after a careful screening in Europe by the International Refugee commission of the United Nations and by federal officials, a displaced person will be on her way to a new home in Hadley after landing here today from the army transport General Muir, it was learned today.

Each of the 1,280 refugees on the ship has been guaranteed a home and a means of livelihood by relaitves or local charitable and religious organizations, in accordance with the U. S. Displaced Persons Act of 1948.

The ship's roster lists Anna Lagus, 54-year-old Estonian housekeeper, going to Forty Acres, Hadley, under the sponsorship of Dr. James L. Huntington.

More than 77,000 of the 205,000 to be admitted under the act of June of next year have already arrived in this country. A total of 17,294 are arriving this month aboard seventeen army transports chartered by the IRO.

Fifth Estonian to Arrive in North Hadley During Past Month

Hadley, Sept. 17—Dr. Huntington said that Miss Lagus was born in Estonia of Greek ancestry. She will serve as housekeeper for the Huntingtons at Forty Acres.

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Miss Lagus will be the fifth Estonian to arrive in North Hadley during the past month. Mr. and Mrs. Tamnearu and two children, who had spent five years in displaced persons camps in Germany, now make their home on Mt. Warner road. Mr. Tamnearu is employed by Frank and Fred Scott.

HADLEY

ohn A. Sessions Dies In 50th Year

arvard Graduate Was Assistant Treasurer and Comptroller at Mount Holyoke College During the War

Hadley, Sept. 20.—John A. essions, 49, of Phelps farm, iver drive, died Saturday ght after a brief illness. He was rn in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 21, 99, son of Archibald L. and uth Huntington Sessions. Mr. essions prepared for Harvard St. Paul's school and was raduated from the Cambridge institution in 1921. He received his M. B. A. degree from Harvard business school in 1939.

Mr. Sessions was most recently associated with the Montague Rod and Reel company. During the war, he served as assistant treasurer and comptroller at Mount Holyoke college. He was affiliated with many organizations, including membership in the Northampton Kiwanis club, the Mens club of Hadley and Old Hadley post 271, American Legion. For many years he was prominent in Legion affairs in the community, county and state and held several high Legion posts.

He is survived by his wife, Doheny Hackett Sessions, and two daughters, Jane Ann and Sally.

There will be a memorial service Sunday afternoon at 3 at the First Congregational church in Hadley conducted by Rev. Dr. Paul T. McClurkin, pastor, and Rev. Dr. H. Robinson Shipherd, pastor of the North Hadley Congregational church. Committal services will be private.

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Hadley

WOULD PROMOTE HOME INTEREST

75 Attend Tea in Porter, Phelps House

Hadley, Sept. 11 — Seventy five prominent area persons attended a tea this afternoon at the Porter - Phelps - Huntington House in River Dr. The event was planned to promote interest in the historic home, opened recently to the public.

The tea committee included Mrs. Minnie Dwight of Holyoke, Mrs. Aubrey Butler of Northampton, William Carlton of Springfield, Atty. William E. Dwyer of Northampton, Mrs. Hugh Tatlock of Northampton and Dr. James Lincoln Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robertson of Washington, D. C., have moved to Negaumnee, Mich. where Mr. Robertson has a position with a tile manufacturing concern. Mrs. Robertson is the former Peggie Lyman of Hockanum.

1948

Hadley

Gay Ninety Show Fills Hopkins Gym

Hadley, Nov. 18—Before a capacity audience in Hopkins gym tonight, a Gay Ninety Show was presented by the relatively new organization Nahaco Club of North Hadley. Proceeds were turned over to the school band which presented a concert following the show.

Highlights were a song and dance "Waltz Me Around Again Willie," by Mr. and Mrs. Francis St. John; Selections by McNamara's Band and several old-time melodies by a quartet, Dr. James L. Huntington, Edwin LaSalle, Earl Hahn and Mack Drake.

Mrs. George Pratt sang "Sweet Marie" and "She's More to be Pitied Than Scorned" and a song and dance interpreting Pat Rooney and Pal, "While Walking Through the Park One Day," was given by Mrs. James L. Huntington and Mrs. Joseph A. Logan, Jr.

Francis Thurston presented "The Farmer Vacations in New York" as a recitation. Pearl Hastey served as drum majoret for McNamara's band and others in the musical group were Mrs. Horace O. Babb, Miss Ruth E. Scott, Beverly Waters, Mrs. Ruth Thurston and Mrs. Rufus Scott. Edwin LaSalle was master of ceremonies.

The school band was under direction of Charles Farnum. Dancing followed.

HADLEY

'Gay Ninety' Show For Band Benefit Much Enjoyed

Hadley, Nov. 19. — Hopkins gym was filled to capacity last evening with an enthusiastic audience which came out to enjoy the program arranged by the Nahaco club of North Hadley for the benefit of the Hadley band. The selections played by the band under the expert leadership of Charles Farnam were heartily applauded.

The Gay Ninety revue by the club revealed unexpected musical and dramatic talent. Edwin LaSalle, the affable master of ceremonies, announced a program which delighted the audience from the opening number, "Sweet Marie," by Mrs. Miriam Russell Pratt to the final chorus.

Spirited performances of song and dance numbers were given by Mrs. Doris Logan and Mrs. Genevieve Huntington and by Mr. and Mrs. Francis St. John. Humor and harmony mingled in a medley of Southern melodies by a quartet consisting of Dr. James L. Huntington, Ed LaSalle, Earl and Bob Hahn. Francis Thurston gave a realistic interpretation of Uncle Josh's trip to New York, and McNamara's band, led by Pearl Hastey, was remarkable both to see and hear. Band members were Mrs. Dorothy Babb, Miss Ruth Scott, Miss Beverly Waters, Mrs. Ruth Thurston and Mrs. Rufus Scott.

Following the program, Hahn's orchestra furnished music for square and round dances in which people of all ages participated with zest.

A long awaited announcement regarding the Hadley band is now expected next week.

Oct. 1950
Holyoke Transcript

Hundreds of Holyokers have by now visited the fine old Porter-Phelps-Huntington house on the road between Old Hadley and North Hadley. They will be wanting to go again. During the summer Dr. Huntington has drawn the friendly services of Henry R. Hitchcock of the art department at Smith College and the fine old rooms have been restored to the atmosphere of rooms being lived in. The museum aspect has been quite wiped out. In the big parlor there is a dear little table that has been in the house about two centuries with a Lowestoft teapot and cups and a nice old rocking chair for the tea hostess. Nice little chairs which used to sit around in one of those upstairs bedrooms now sit by those handsome twin desks. Somehow the room looks as if some pretty grand people were just coming to tea there. The handsome table in the old dining rooms is set with pewter that has been in the house since the beginning. The Porters used that around seventeen hundred. The great bed in the downstairs bedroom — the famous bedroom of the house — has been set at just the angle that make it look as if the distinguished guest would be ready to get under the covers when night comes. The Lowestoft in what later generations used for a diningroom is rearranged. The Oracle happened in just when another friend of the house was dusting off a stunning set of Napoleonic China. He had no illusions. He wasn't sure if the great N whose name in gold rides out of the Bonaparte arms used it himself. There were several Napoleons and many Bonapartes. But it is very beautiful China. Somebody gave it to Miss Catherine Huntington, sister of the doctor. The handy touch of Mr. Hitchcock certainly has transformed the atmosphere of the fine old mansion. By the way as many as four hundred people a month have dropped by to get the enchantment of this splendid old house under the sheltering elms as it has held court this summer past.

1947

C.S.H.

Feb. 1946

1946

Alfreda & John 1946

J.H.H. & J.L.H. 1946

HADLEY

OLD HADLEY CHAPTER, DAR, OPENS SEASON

Dessert Bridge Tuesday Afternoon First Event Listed

Hadley, Oct. 14—The 1950-51 program for Old Hadley Chapter, DAR, is announced by the regent, Miss Lillian G. Smith. There will be a dessert bridge Tuesday at 1.30 in the home of Mrs. Robert J. McQueston, North West St. Reservations must be made with Mrs. McQueston or Mrs. Lester N. Davis. Guest day will be observed Nov. 2 in the historical room of Goodwin Memorial Library. Dr. James Lincoln Huntington will speak on "Forty Acres."

1950

HADLEY

Oct 1950

Teachers Are Guests at Grange Affair

Eighty teachers and Grangers attended the annual Grange supper and reception to teachers of the community. Supper was served by Mrs. Mary Lipinski and her committee. Master Francis Thurston welcomed the guests and Superintendent Robert F. Savitt responded. Mr. Savitt introduced the new teachers. Dr. James L. Huntington presented an illustrated lecture on "Forty Acres", the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house on River drive between Hadley and North Hadley. The slides were in color and showed the ancestral home in detail. Dr. Huntington related much Hadley history as well as that directly pertaining to "Forty Acres", where Dr. Huntington and Mrs. Huntington reside.

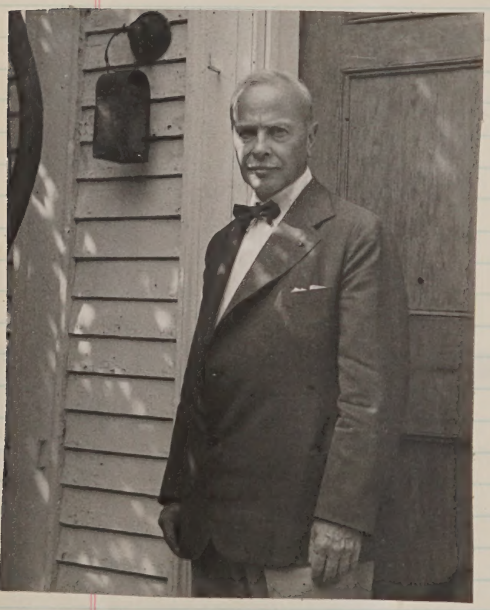
Nanny & Tommy

Brian, Tommy, Ufield & Gaines, 1946

1946

Obstetrical & Gynecological House Party
July 1946

Taken by Brian Mynhart
Feb. 1947



Rev. Elliott

Huntley's Family Reunion (with Legs)

Scott Davis.

Elliott in action.

H.F.A. in front of Church.

Worthy to Family Reunion

Grandma.

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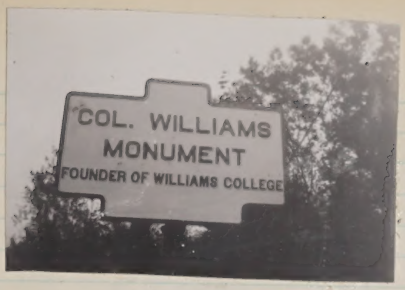


Mrs Chief to Tuesday (see p. 97 + p. 118)

Pictures taken at the Colonial Society's meeting May 1949

Colonial Society of Massachusetts

Dr. JAMES LINCOLN HUNTINGTON has invited the Society to visit him at Hadley, Massachusetts, on Saturday, 15 May 1948.

A Boston and Maine Transportation Company bus will leave the Club of Odd Volumes, 77 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, at 9.30 A.M. For the return journey the bus will leave Hadley at 4.00 P.M. and arrive in Boston shortly after 6.00 P.M.

Those members who are not travelling by bus should plan to reach Dr. Huntington's house by 11.30 A.M. in order to visit the church and the Farm Museum at 11.45 A.M. Luncheon will be served at 1.00 P.M.

Please fill out and return the enclosed post card.

ROBERT E. MOODY,
Recording Secretary.
236 Bay State Road,
Boston, Massachusetts.

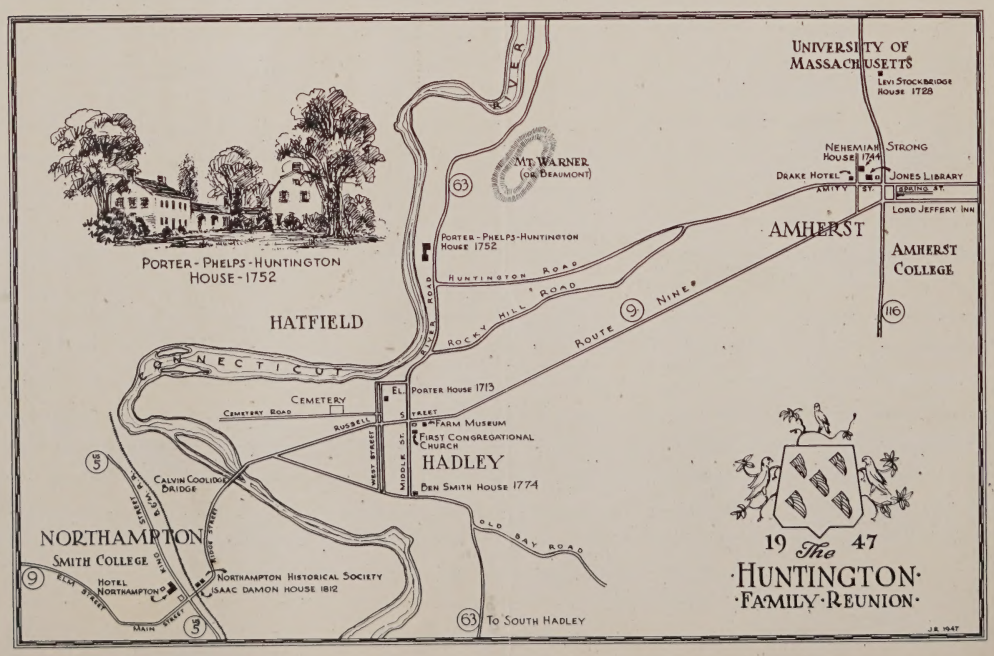
1 *May* 1948

SEVENTH REUNION

The Huntington Family Association

PORTER-PHELPS-HUNTINGTON HOUSE 1752

HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
AUGUST 22 - 23, 1947



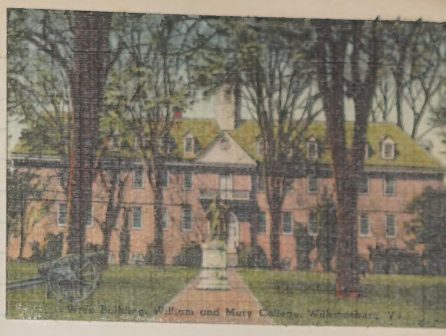
The Moore House.

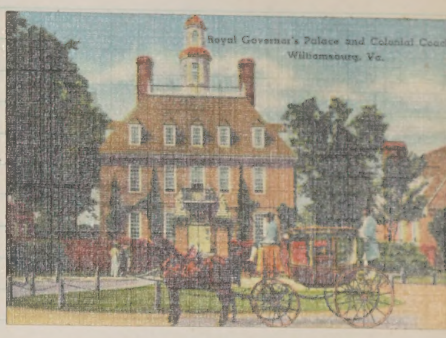
COLONIAL

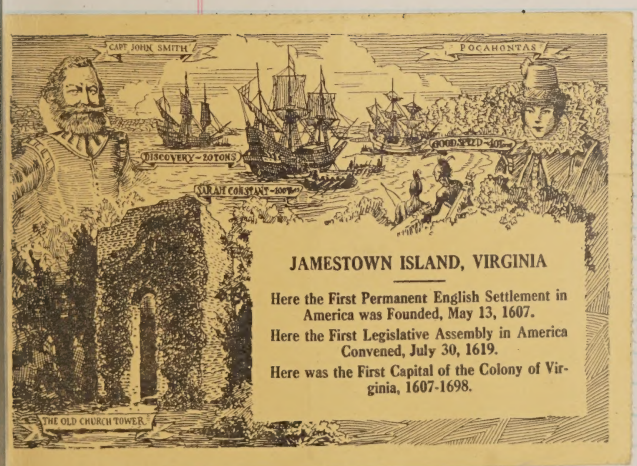
NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

(YORKTOWN)

VIRGINIA



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DISCOVERY - 20 TONS
GOOD SHIP - 40 T.
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Here the First Legislative Assembly in America Convened, July 30, 1619.
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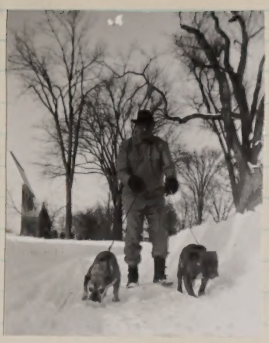
Pictures of Checkers + Buttons

Mary Lefferdink with Buttons & Checkers



This is the last picture of Hannah. She died of cancer of the heart and had to be put to sleep in June 48

Planting the "Birthday Maple" (Seventeenth birthday)

1949

Jan.

The Finneiy Nations Comes to Northampton - Rent to Heirs. (Ltr p. 137)

The Hodges help us entertain the Finneians

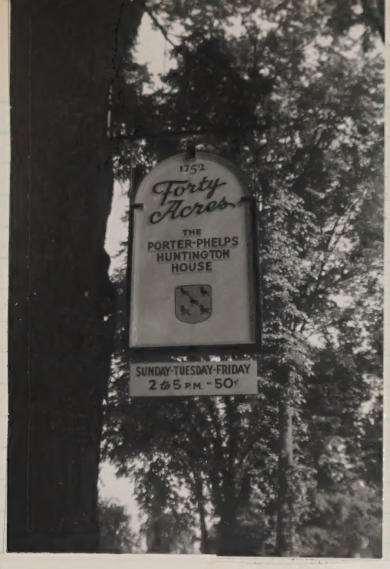
Mrs Dwight Margaret & Clifford and Bell Dwyer - May 1949

Teresa Cannon & Jill H.

Teesie enters her first visit to Fitzgeralds.

Sister at Work - 1949

We opened the 1950 1949 Season with a Sign.



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1950

The Great Plane Tree in Sycamore in Sunderland Estimated age 500 years. Said to be the largest tree east of the Ohio River and north of the Mason Dixon Line. Taken by Dr "Moxie" Stillman of Newyork.

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Virgin, Leila S., Miss
White, Huntington

1902 UP!

Roy W. Hatch . Class Agent . R. F. D. 1 . Hubbardston . Massachusetts

Here's something to ponder over:

In this year, 1950, we stand at just the 50-50 mark of the number of us who received our parchments on a June morning in 1902.

This past summer it was a joy to welcome on my hill in Princeton, Mass., two classmates: (1) Frank Moore and (2) Howard Harris. Later, on a memorable afternoon, I drove to Amherst, picked up the retired Head of the Math. Dept., the above-mentioned Moore, and we drove together to old Hadley and "Forty Acres." Here our luck was with us. Jim was at home!

We certainly got a fine "personally conducted" tour around this justly famous Bishop Huntington Home. And at the end Jim inscribed for us a copy of his delightful and intimate story of "Forty Acres." My advice to all '02 men is: "Go there, Go now, Go soon"— only make sure first that "Jim's at home."

"Dear Roy:

"Thanks for your good letter of May 17th, which I should have answered earlier had I not been away.

"So sorry to hear of Celia Hopkins's death. She was a year ahead of me in the Hanover High School and spent one summer with my family in Ogunquit.

"I can't make out just what you want to know about the N. A. Frosts. Of course, I have known them since I was ten years old. Our backyard fence was between the Rectory land and theirs and I knew their only son 'Bud' almost as well as I knew my older brothers. I used to buy all my Christmas presents from Mr. Frost, whom I regarded as almost an uncle. I was very fond of him.

"Do come to see my house this summer. It is only an hour away from you and I can always give you luncheon or put you up for the night.

As always, Jim"

Curator
James Lincoln Huntington
Forty Acres
Hadley, Massachusetts

HADLEY 10/30/50

Dr. Huntington to Lecture at D. A. R. Meeting

The November meeting of Old Hadley chapter, D. A. R., will take place Thursday at 2.30 in the historical room of Goodwin Memorial library. Of major interest will be a special D. A. R. lecture by Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, assisted by Mrs. Huntington. The lecture will be different from the one he delivered recently at the First church.

Wanted—To Buy

Dr. Huntington Speaks Before Hadley D. A. R.

Hadley, Nov. 4 — Old Hadley chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution held its guest meeting Thursday afternoon in the historical room of the Goodwin Memorial library. The room was filled with members from neighboring chapters and guests. Miss Gladys Frost, state chairman of the committee for the completion of the building fund gave an eloquent tribute to Mrs. Lester N. Davis for her valiant work in raising the chapter's quota. She said that if every chapter had so zealous a worker there would be no need to worry.

On the 17th of October, Mrs. Robert J. McQueston graciously opened her historic home to the chapter and guests for a dessert bridge and food sale, which really put the building fund over the top. Mrs. Edmund Smith read a communication from Mrs. James B. Patton, president general of the society of the D. A. R., saying in part, "I call on all of our members to resist the un-American effort to fly the flag of the United Nations above or in equal prominence with the Stars and Stripes. We of the D. A. R. and all true patriots will fight to keep the Stars and Stripes the emblem of the United States of America."

The regent, Miss Lillian G. Smith, then turned the meeting over to the chairman of the program committee, Mrs. George A. Taylor, who introduced the speaker, Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, M. D., who gave a noteworthy picture of the earliest days of Hadley, from the coming of the forty-nine settlers, who chose the east bank of the Connecticut river. Samuel Porter, Dr. Huntington's original ancestor, had a son, Moses Porter, who built the first house outside the stockade, the manor house at Forty Acres. Capt. Moses Porter died at Lake George in the French and Indian war. The house has never passed out of the family of Dr. Huntington, and to this day all the furnishings are intact, making it a unique study of Colonial life by students of early history.

After the conclusion of the program, the visitors enjoyed inspecting the historical objects with which the museum is replete.

Dr. Huntington To Speak Friday 1950

Hatfield, Nov. 7—The public is invited to an open meeting of the Real Folks society Friday evening at 8 at the Hatfield Congregational church parlors, when the guest speaker will be Dr. James L. Huntington, curator of the famous old Porter-Phelps-Huntington house, Inc., in Old Hadley. His illustrated talk will be on "Forty Acres," the old estate, which was built in 1752 by a hero of the French war, and has seen no structural change since 1799, when it belonged to the squire of the town, who was son-in-law of the builder. In addition, the contents of the house are practically the same as at that time. Dr. Huntington's pictures will show the house and grounds from many angles, and will show practically every room and important piece of furniture in the house. There will be no admission charge, but a silver offering will be taken.

Corner of Washington & Florence Sts Hadley "The house where I was born"

NORTH HADLEY

The second Extension Service meeting was held last evening at the home of Mrs. Anne Jekanowski of River drive. "Business Facts for Busy Homemakers" was discussed by the leader, Mrs. Genevieve Huntington. Facts were issued by Extension Service, University of Massachusetts. Topics were: "Doing Business at the Post Office," "Quick Communications," "Doing Business at the Bank," "Buying and Credit," "Investments, Stocks, Bonds, Real Estate, Insurance," "Protection of Family Business Papers." Refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held November 16, at 7.45 at Mount Warner road at Eunice Keith's.

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October 29, 1950 After long consideration I have decided, in spite of my son Johns disparaging remarks which rankled for years, that a running account of the doings at Forty Acres is important and may become more so as the years pass. I shall try to restrain myself from expressing more than passing notice upon events other than local.

1945 And now to touch upon a few of the more important events since the summer of 1945 when I made my last entry. Early in the fall of 1945 I joined the Northampton Lodge of Elks much to the happiness of my dear old friend Timothy Leahy, he also was very defenitely failing in health.

1946 In the early days of 1946 after conference with Sam Chamberlain, I decided to write a proper history of the old house which should be richly illustrated by Sam's photographs. So I began "Forty Acres".

Tim Leahy died in the early spring, a very dear friend. I saw him the afternoon before he died and to both men I said "Good Bye"!

My cousin George Emma W. Sargent died in June while Gladys and Constant were on their way across the Atlantic to America. Actually they arrived in time for the funeral. A short time later my sister-in-law Alice Huntington died and the funeral and interment resulted in Libby - it made quite a family re-union. Gladys and Constant stayed on for a couple of days and then went to live in cousin George's house at Twin Elms Lenox where they spent the summer. Late in July we had a grand house party for the Obstetrical and Gynecological Travel Club. Elliot and Pearl Bishop, Jake and Mata Ward, Frank Chamberlain and his wife, Ed Francis Allen, Jim Duncan and his wife, Ned and Nell Ballard, Jim Breeden & his wife, Charlie Galloway & his wife, Constant and myself making 18 in all. Doris Chamberlain and Dorothy Fletcher helped us take care of them for the really three days they were here as the house actually held twenty! Needless to say we had a perfectly wonderful time.

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With Constant & Gladys at Lenox, when Phil Allen invited us to his host at Tanglewood we arranged for a luncheon party at Lenox & which the Allens came of course and then we went on to a marvelous concert at Tanglewood.

My son John was asked by his uncle to come to England earlier in the year and left during the summer for his post in exchange for his position in the English Department at Milton Academy. Shortly afterwards Constant went back to England leaving Gladys to spend the Winter with Alfreda in New York. In October Genevieve and I went down to Boston to celebrate at the Massachusetts General the 100th anniversary of the first demonstration of Ether to the world. We stayed with the Murray Forbes and it was a gala occasion. Early in December I went to Montreal for the meeting of the Obstetrical and Gynecological Travel Club and had a very wonderful time. The high light of the occasion was the cocktail party at dear old Dr. Chipman's fine estate home on the slopes of Mt. Royal.

On returning I found that Aunt Ruth had died and she was buried from Pine Grove.

1947 Early in the year a fine young doctor and his charming wife were sent down here by my Montreal colleagues to look the place over with a thought of coming here as my associate. They seemed very happy at the prospect and made a good impression on my Northampton colleagues but an opportunity more to his liking shortly afterwards soon offered him in a city near his old home town and they decided to stay in Canada. He had good but not superlative training. Early in the year we heard of John Huntington's engagement to an English medical student by the name of Kathleen Margaret Chedburn - an orphan. John, Constant & Gladys all seemed very happy about it and "Kay" as they called her charmingly. In May Genevieve's father & mother celebrated their 50th Anniversary here on a Sunday spent with almost the entire family at Forty Acres. Unfortunately the pictures taken were spoiled by Genevieve's father John a prepared photographer who worked in the old fashioned! In June I went from Red Ballard in New York of a splendidly trained resident at the Women's Hospital who was looking for an opening in the Connecticut Valley James Ellsworth Caverly of Dalton 1939

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CAROL CHRISTIANS

and his wife who was a Carroll of Lynchburg and a cousin of Henry Christians. They came up here in June and were so impressed that they decided then and there to come up here to live as soon as his services as resident finished at St. Just. They immediately started looking for homes and purchased the old Cable house lived in until recently by Dr. Noble. In June John & Kay were married in St. Paul's Garden in London July 7th. On late May I presided at the dinner & celebration of our 40th anniversary of our graduation from the Harvard Medical School. Ben and five others 'rank' were present. George Farnsworth shared the speaking honors with Val Giddings & Dr. Pete George did three days tales of a recent Cruise reclaims.

Later in June Genevieve and I went to Hanover for my 45th Reunion at Dartmouth. We had a marvellous time - at least I did - especially we "Townies - Helen Cramer Brown, Harriet Bartlett Perkins, Althea Baggler and myself! In July we added to our family by the arrival of Jefferson Colonel Black head bulldog bitch - Chesher's great niece - by the name of Buttons.

In August came the Huntington Family Reunion for which we had planned for many many months, end of which are pages (106, 108) of photographs & suffice to say we enjoyed! With the advent of an assistant I had to leave Joe Hitt's office and find suitable quarters. None were to be found - so I hired an empty store at 25 Main St in the Masonic Block and with the assistance of Nelly O'Connor and some $1500 I put in partitions and ended up with by far the best office suite in Northampton. I began to see patients there September first so it was in full working order when Dr. Cavenagh arrived Oct. 1st. moving into this beautiful house in Dryads Green.

Not having had any vacation since our weeks honey moon in 1944-45 Genevieve and I started in Oct. 12th for a real vacation. We had engaged rooms through the good offices of the Coxcadens, at a small Hotel in Bolton Landing on the shores of Lake George quite near their summer cottage and they were to be there for the holiday. Columbus Day proved a very very bad day to travel in this scenic part of New England as we found to our sorrow. After intents of an early start we left Northampton after eleven. We spent four hours between Deerfield and the summit of the range beyond Greenfield - a distance of some five miles!! Our radiator really boiled over. However from North Adams on we met very little traffic on Cole's directions and we reached the Coxcaden's house shortly after sunset. Jim conducted us to our hotel where we were cordially received and duly watchfully toward right on the very banks of a beautiful bay near the head of Lake George - really a gorgeous spot where we were very happy. On the morrow we went to the "Bloody Pond" where Moses Porter was slain. A very small body of water hardly more than an acre in extent - perhaps due to severe drought - near by was the tablet marking the remains of Col. Ephraim Williams beside whom we are led to believe lies Moses Porter my great great, great grandfathers claim by an Indian! Then we went to Fort Ticonderoga. I had brought along the sword & scabbard of Moses Porter and we found in the museum in the Fort that it matched perfectly a blade & scabbard labelled 1755. The curator said that without a doubt it had been used in that campaign. Jim Coxcaden introduced us to Col. Bell and both he and his associates were most excited and interested. They said that they would like very much to receive a photographic copy of the letter that Steve Melzo sent to Valley Forge Fort Ticonderoga during the Revolution I promised to send it - I later fulfilled the promise but it was never acknowledged! From Ticonderoga we went to Plattsburg where we visited the magnificent home of Dr. Cavenagh's uncle - the family were not at home but had left word that we were to be shown over the place. We found very comfortable quarters at the hotel in Plattsburg and after a good night rest crossed over Lake Champlain and got down to Norwich where we had engaged rooms at the Inn, by mid afternoon.

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I went over to Hanover and called on Harriet Perkins - not any too excited and then on the Ames who were all out but the nurse invited up by my seeing Mrs. Ames, who really was far too ill and weak to be disturbed

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I only stayed a very few minutes and then said good bye knowing that I would never again see this dear kind friend of my boyhood. After a pleasant night at the Y.M.C.A. we motored from Roanoke down the Connecticut Valley – picked up Chambers and came home! I went down to Boston for the Hallowe'en dinner at the Tavern and lunched the following day with dear Dickerson Wootton and his wife – we had a great time. On my way to this Hadley on Mt. Auburn St. I turned my knee and evidently threw out my semi lunar cartilage and in great pain boarded the Hadley and finally reached the Tavern Club. As soon as I could muster enough strength I called Eddy Cave and found him at the M.G.H. He came at once and finding that the joint had not 'locked' felt that with strapping I could get back to Hadley. Later in the evening Monk Terry came to the Tavern for the night. Eleanor had the car staying with friends ten miles to the north of Boston so I called her up and arranged to have her meet me in Concord at Middlesex School as Monk had his car and would take me out with him. Eddy Cave came to see me bright and early and found me well enough to travel telling me to get in touch with one of his former house officers now practising in Springfield. Eleanor was waiting for us at Middlesex School and after lunch we motored very comfortably back to Hadley where I went at once to bed. Dr. Larson came to see me the next day – he having been at the M.G.H. with both 'Eddy' & 'Pete' and now on the staff of the Hadley Dickinson as a consultant. I was mighty careful to follow instructions to the letter as I was most anxious to be fit for my trip to the Travel Club meeting and Duke University there Washington & Williamsburg.

We had our Thanksgiving dinner at the "Taft Hotel" in New Haven

Just after Thanksgiving Eleanor and I motored to New York – I really was entirely recovered – We stopped for lunch with friends of hers in New Rochelle and then on to Washington stopping where we spent the night with the Lascelles. The next morning we met Porter in New York and the two girls left for Baltimore by car and I joined the other members of the Travel Club and Mart Crowley by train late that night. We had a great time and were most cordially treated at Duke Drs. Carter and Thomas being most friendly and hospitable making us many friends almost at once. I left the boys in the early morning getting off the train at Alexandria where I arrived at the Tavern at Key Beach. Fred took us all over Washington and late in the afternoon we picked up Porter and went on board the Norfolk boat. On the voyage down the Potomac I read the first draft of "Forty Acres" which I had finished as I was receiving from my kind friends. We arrived in Norfolk in the early morning and after some difficulty with traffic got well on our way to Yorktown at a fairly early hour. We found a royal reception awaiting us in Yorktown being descendents of Benjamin Harrison. Dr. Riley showed us all over the battle grounds and through the museum – we had a most interesting time. Then on to Williamsburg only a short run, where we found most luxurious quarters at the beautiful Williamsburg Inn. The next morning the girls went right to work and I looked up Alexander and Bridenbaugh to whom I had letters. They were most kind & interested in my project here and very helpful in their suggestions. In the afternoon we went to Jamestown and after another night at that delightful Inn we motored North and after spending one night with Jim Philadelphia arrived at Forty Acres safe and sound.

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Early in January I began to have pains in my shoulders, knees, ankles & elbows and my hands and feet began to swell. It was found that my sedimentation rate was much higher than normal. X-rays were negative except those of my teeth. Dr. Sullivan however discovered four loose teeth which he extracted and in spite of negative X rays he found with fully expected. So we began to extract all my remaining teeth – some ten or twelve all were bad and several very very bad!! All teeth were out in late Feb. and I was really sick! Completely crippled so I went down to the M.G.H. early in

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March where I was under the care of Eddy Carr and Dr. Charles Short for three weeks I had 'Scotch Kemp packs' huge doses of aspirin and a very complete set of exercises - at the end of that time I was free from pain, and well enough to come home and continue treatment but for another week in bed and then gradually to get up and around but I did not work at all until June and then only half time until September. However I was well enough to act as host for the Colonial Society when they made their visit here late in May. Some 50 came bringing our famous plants with them for the occasion and it was really a life saver for the day was unreasonably cold. On the 31st of May I had a cable from John in London telling of the birth of a daughter all well. Early in July John Session began to be ailing and rapidly grew worse with medical symptoms almost from the start - then it became clear that it was malignant tuberculosis and as it was to be expected his symptoms became steadily and rapidly worse and more and more tragic. He died in mid September. In July Genevieve spent two very eventful and never to be forgotten weeks in the marvelous and spectacular atmosphere of the Trapp Family in the slopes of Mt. Mansfield in Stowe Vt. In late September Genevieve and I spent three days in Hanchett - our first visit to that historic spot. It was very interesting but on the whole we were disappointed - the architecture was not to my mind the most interesting period in New England and even in the off season the automobiles made the narrow streets very difficult to traverse.

My grandson Samuel Porter Hunting Jr. - Bess' child became an inmate of the Belchertown School for the mentally retarded in August. In July my brother Paul resigned from his pastorate and rectorship at Red Bank New Jersey. He tried in vain to get me for his hill top cabin at really great expense and then gave it up and bought a house just over the Amherst line in Pelham and took occupancy Aug. 14th. By a strange coincidence on the previous day his cabin on the hill top burned by lightning and burned entirely to the ground the day before! Late in the summer Dr. Chisholm and Genevieve organized a Glee Club with weekly meetings usually here at Forty Acres. On October first Uncle Howard Littlefield left the house in Portland St. Malden for a nursing home for it was too long a possible for the ladies to give him the care he required. As a result the house had to be abandoned - the contents disposed of and the property closed out as soon as possible for the benefit of the heirs of Aunt Caroline. Through the generosity of Charles Barrett a dear friend of Uncle Howards it was decided to have a meeting of the heirs of Caroline Bennett Littlefield and at that meeting it was decided that I should act as conservator and dispose of the salable contents of the house and of the real estate. Also that instead of storing the family items not for sale and the remembrances that had no sale value, these articles should be stored by the heirs - each giving a receipt for the articles held until the estate is settled after the decease of Howard Littlefield.

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This meant frequent visits to Boston at least every two weeks interviewing buyers and dividing the contents of the house. A considerable amount was brought up here for storage. The folks in North Hadley became organized as the "Outdoor Club (North) Hadley (Cripples Club and the members the stayed a "Gay 90's Show" - I took part in a barber shop 2 quartet and 4 exercises had revised constitutions. It was such a success that we repeated it a few weeks later at the Hopkins Academy Gymnasium for the benefit of the Hadley Band. In December the Travel Club met here this year Annual Meeting in Boston and I went and had a very good time. Also in December I had a meeting with Lee Strong and as a result the Colonial Society bought a copy of Forty Acres for each member - a matter of some $650.00 which made a vast difference in financing the book. Just before Christmas my third grandchild Bess' second son was born. I saw him when still in the hospital where he was tucked as a premature although full term. He seemed perfectly normal although distinctly weak and quite like a premature baby in the reaction. After the first week or ten days he settled into a real quite normally.

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Very warm rains led to dangerously high waters and on New Years Eve the waters was so high that I did not go to bed at all and Lee Sanders was here at about 2 a.m. debating whether or not we ought to take the motors out of the oil heater but we heard that the crest had passed Turners Falls and we went to bed and the falling temperature stopped the rising waters at 5 a.m. within 8 inches of the bulkhead leading to the cellar! It was a close call!

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We sold the contents of the Malden house before the middle of February and the house was vacant and on the market from then on with probably no take — none that we would consider. In February the Secretariat of the United Nations was invited to come to Northampton to meet Smith and two members from Lima Peru were assigned to us. They were See photographs p. 114. were included in all the events at the college. It was very interesting our guests were a lawyer and his wife from Lima and they were most interesting and delightful. Knowing that our friends the Hodges (he professor of Botany at the University) had lived in Peru for two years and knew Lima well we invited them to the only meal except breakfast that we were allowed to have to entertain our guests. It was Sunday noon — and the Hodges and our guests had a most delightful time. When Genevieve and I were in the room they all spoke English but whenever we left they jumped into Spanish and chatted like magpies! It was really very amusing.

I had a bad attack of bronchitis in early April and spent about a week in the Dickenson Hospital with penicillin and steam and came home really cured. The last week in April brought out "Forty Acres" and we sent off some 800 copies in the first five days after the books arrived. On May 4th Genevieve was elected the first President of the Womens Auxiliary of the Hampshire County Medical Society! Mr. Hoefle fell and broke a toe in his back and we went p. 114 down at once to Wotarn. On May 14th Teasie came up here for the week end. On the 16th I went down to Bolton taking Teasie with me for the Annual meeting of the Tavern Club. On May 25th the Northampton Historical Society made a visit to Forty Acres. On May 27 See p. 162 the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House incorporated had its first meeting in the Long Room and officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Beginning June first the house was open 3 days a week for visitors. Early in July Mr. Hoefle after weeks of failing health as a result of his fall died and we went to Wotarn for the services. Gladys brought me from England in July a pewing cup that had been in her family for nearly 250 years (made in England in 1715) originally owned by John Dillwyn her direct ancestor whose father was a contemporary and early emigrant with William Penn. I went down to Trenton in the hope to get this most valuable addition to our family possessions and we went to Proctors to see Sister in a terrible play called the "Glass Menagerie". She put on a magnificent piece of acting in a most repulsive part. Returned to Bradford at his request in 1954

It was good to see Gladys and Brian and Alfreda and their very interesting children. Devons came up for a brief call and Teasie came back in the late fall for a visit.

We finally could not stand Mary Heaslip talking Hoch Buttons — we could not ram it down her throat and she had a very bad influence on Chelsea and after trying hard to place her we finally succeeded in giving her to the Murphys. Early in September a displaced person from Estonia came to live with us but apparently she had no intentions of staying and left us early in December. In November I paraded Dr. Mansell to Pittsfield to my hernia which I had acquired three years ago when I coughed so badly from April until June! I can honestly say that it was a very enjoyable experience practically free from pain or even discomfort. After the first ten days I was perfectly well but he would not let me get back to work until my stitches were taken so I was able to take

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a part in the Christmas play at the Parsons. Phil Glendinning wrote the part with me in mind! I was Sherlock Holmes impersonating "Mrs. Hudson" and the play "The Adventure of the Red Leech." Genevieve and Sister went to the dress rehearsal. It was a very gay affair - dinner and then the play - some 70 were there including the actors. Then I acted the next night at the Christmas Feast and Catherine and Genevieve went to a musical comedy. We stayed at the Believers and were very well taken care of. The Malden house was sold early in March, Charles Bennett got a very good price for it finally. Poor Fuller he died a few weeks later - coronary - no warning at all.

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I had to get down and get things straightened out with his partner John S. McKibbey. Early in February we moved our office from the Seymour building to the new Medical Center on Elm St - the corner of Boylston. Perfectly beautiful quarters - our office lavishly furnished by Cadbaugh which has led to quite a bit of friction over finances as I have been expected to share a ceiling fixed in expenses entirely unnecessary and without any previous consultation and certainly of no personal benefit to me. Through the good offices of Bill Dreyer and John Fiske we probably will get along somehow but the old feeling between us seems to be gone for all time. Late in April the Springfield Republican (Sunday) in its rotogravure section featured ten pictures from "Forty Acres" with excellent write up and our office came flocking in so we had to open the house in spite of the cold. I went to make plans for a lecture tour next winter and Jack Keefe came up and took some 50 pictures and a moving picture film. The city were so much better for lecturing that we discarded the reel, John got us an excellent projector which Genevieve has learned to handle as an expert. We also assembled all the antiques, prints, china, glass etc which have been brought to the house in the last 75 years and which have no family background or present day use. Open house in the shed makes an interesting whoop while then waiting to go through the house may find occupation and perhaps make a purchase. Among our early and best patrons were Prof. Hitchcock and Miss Bardwell from the Art Department at Smith - prints and picture frames. They have proved most loyal friends - became members of the P.P.H. House and have given us most valued advice and help in planning.

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In May Genevieve and I went to Tarrytown and spent the night at a very strange Hotel! On the morning we went to New York to join the other members of the Gynecological and Obstetrical Travel Club which was that day entertaining the Gynecological & Obstetrical Club of St. Barts. I went to the exhibits and Genevieve to the University Club to lunch with the wives.

In the evening we had a wonderful dinner at the Dartmouth Club.

Early next morning we went back to Tarrytown - picked up the car and went to Sunnyside where we were most cordially received by the curator and his assistants and then on to the Philipse Castle where Esther Simpson formerly lived - it was a most interesting day.

We came back in very good time and dined at the Yankee Pedlar in Holyoke. We had the annual meeting of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in the meeting hall of the First Church in Hadley - some thirty people more present. Sister and Brighton Hill came up from Boston. Officers were elected and much interest was shown. Darby Putnam too from Seattle was staying with us at the time and much interested in what we are doing. We have had signs made for the Northampton and the Pittsfield roads and the Mount Holyoke and roadside signs 1 mile to the South and 1/2 mile to the North. I should have noted that in March Florence Richardson who is on probation from the Belchertown State School came to live with us and has proven a splendid worker and a solution to our problem.

In early September I gave my first illustrated lectures to the Ladies Club and in October to the Grange at the First Church, both went very well. On October 23 I sent my appeal to the First Foundation.

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Jack Keefe took Genevieve down to Lawrence to a shower given for her sister Frances they had a very good time.

I should have noted that in October Sister brought up from New York the following articles which Constant sent back to Forty Acres, with no charge attached, by Alfalfa.

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Articles returned to Forty Acres by Courtenay Hunting Inn
Set of Byron given to his wife by Richard Stearns
Little china & gold thimble children's treasures of Lelly St. G Barnett
Gold faced watch the property of Lucy T. G. Barnett
Coins collected by Courtenay Hunting Inn
Eyes-Sargents Gold watch.
Gold watches belonging to Theresa St. Agnes
Confederate & Colonial dollars
Columbian silver coin - Chicago Exposition 1893 } Lelly St. G. B.
Buck tail fly made by American Gold Indians - Children treasures of
3 Guinea pieces.
Cards chosen by Theresa St. Agnes.
Daguerreotype of Lelly St. G Barnett
Gold Louis (1809) Children treasures of Lelly St. G. B.
Gold ½ dollar piece " " " " " "
Centenary medal of Lincolns birth } Children treasures
" " " of 1776 } of Courtenay Hunting Inn
Coinage of Irish Free States given Courtenay Hunting Inn by Augusta Lady Gregory
Carrels hair shawl (badly moth eaten) belonged to Lelly St. G. Hunting Inn
Camphor trunks - the smallest of a nest brought from the East by Eben Sargent
Colored print of 1812 entitled "The Laughing Audience" from Collection of Charles Bulfinch

Nov. 1 Gave my lecture about Forty Acres illustrated with slides to the Ladies Guild of the First Church in Hadley - It was well received.

Nov. 2 Gave a lecture, or better a talk, to the Old Hadley Children of the D.A.R. at the rooms in the corner of middle & Russell Sts. at 2.30 P.M. Told the story of the original settlement of Hadley and the building of the house, barn & sheds at Forty Acres and other stories of Mary Barnett, Eben Sargent quoting from his letters at long the end of General Lincoln it was well received.

Nov. 8 Went to Springfield - stopping for a call on Beverly at her new apartment. Lunched at Forbes & Wallace and after a little shopping went to the "Bijou" - Dryden Carte. Had written to Martyn Green and received word that he would like to see me in his dressing room after the performance. The play was perfect - rarely have I ever seen such acting and the singing was close to Grand Opera - Genevieve was thrilled and laughed as I have never heard her at any performance! After the last act we spent a very pleasant quarter hour in Martyn Greens dressing room over a "spot of Scotch" Mrs. Green joined us as we were leaving and I had a chance to shake hands with Isidore Goldsmith. We more than half promised to go to New York to see them in March 51.

Nov. 10 Gave my talk to the 'Red Folks' in the Westfield church - about a hundred. The talk went very well and we received over $13.00 for the P.P.H. Hospital.

Nov. 11 Jack and Beverly were married in this house a little after 2 P.M. by the Rev. Mr. Boardman. John & Margaret, Beverly Junior & Sally Carter, Midge & her husband came up from Boston and we had a very happy time. Checkers played an important part in the ceremony - not a ring bearer but perhaps as an usher as he would not leave the maid of honor's side!

Nov. 16 Catherine came up yesterday to see Doris Dawson in "The Mad Countess Etc" at the Smith Theater. She and Genevieve went last night and were not too much impressed. It was a good deal for Genevieve & she & I went Tuesday night to a weird modern play in Vermont beautifully staged & acted but a queer thing as Genevieve was pretty much fed up. Sister goes back by train tonight but comes back the day after Thanksgiving - the Jones a big party at the Brattle Street Theater in Cambridge the night before the holiday.

November 23 Thanksgiving The Robert Gordons with their three delightful children and their maid from Belchertown came to dinner. A 16 lb. turkey stuffed and roasted (as they were in the old days) provided a most sumptuous feast. Soon after words we had moving pictures for the children. In the evening we went to the Gryphons & the Goldsmiths joined us as did Mr. & Mrs. Drake (who used to be at Rock Hadley) and Mr. Drakes nephew a delightful fellow from Chicago who is preparing to study for the Episcopal ministry.

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Suiter arrived late in the afternoon.
Windy with sharp gusts and heavy showers getting worse as the day progressed very mild over 40°. Gale winds predicted in the Rockies. We had dinner early and at 7.30 the wind was very high and the lights went out. I kept a fire going all night as we had heard of huge ards and deep snow in Pennsylvania & Ohio but the thermometer remained at 46 all night. By 9 O'clock the wind was raging with gusts of hurricane force & roaring so loud it was terrifying but our house seemed to be standing up well. The rain was coming down in torrents. We did get to sleep but I woke at 2 and the wind was over I visited the fire the rest of the night getting plenty of sleep however in the couch in the living room. I toasted breakfast over the living room fire and started a nice fire in the dining room and the whole house stay was 70! Both girls had their breakfasts served but in bed as is usual of a Sunday morning. I turned on the radio in the car in front of the house and heard of terrific damage in and about New York City 400,000 dwellings (apartments & houses) without light, heat & refrigeration. Connecticut & New Jersey was about as bad We went over to Paul's at 9.30 and found many trees down especially in Amherst. The rain had practically stopped just an occasional spatter. Frances & William were there and we had a very pleasant time — the first time we have been there since the poor old lady (their chief source of revenue!) died a weeks ago. We came back in time to get things heating for dinner. Creighton Hill arrived about 12 and we had a delicious meal of Turkey and fixings. Suiter and Creighton left shortly after lunch. I should have mentioned that Hamilton Records furnished the 150 Anniversary Souvenir of Elizabeth Phelps & Dan Hastings Wedding Day and we were all very happy about it. I am sending it out to all the descendants & all the members of the P.P.P. Inc. Should note here that the huge dead limb on Suiters tree just N.W. of the old house was neatly felled and well placed by the storm, that Col. Tagley lost a huge tree on Del Arthurs & Howe to Hattie Hadley. The Holmes lost their beautiful Willow on their lawn which stood towards the pond. The electricity came on Sunday P.M.
26 about 5 O'clock but Monday morning Russell Street was still without any power or light. The gale began to rise on Sunday and began to creep upon the Seniors Sunday morning but not at all disturbing & at early afternoon seemed to be going down.
Dec. 10 The River did not come up at all on my property — not quite reaching the grass line at any time in the past two weeks but it has been considerably high & occasionally up to the Seniors Overfall. On December 2nd I left for Ann Arbor to attend the Annual meeting of the Statistical & Eugenical Travel Club. I met at Albany Gordon Day Lea, Ted Ballard & Jim Lincoln. 6 Lv. Lull Jack Alley & Vern Ellison were in the train and meeting me. We had a good party! Arrived at Ann Arbor at 5 A.M. Lockheed's overhole that had wrecked at first his coat & vest that were discovered just before the conductor shouted "all aboard" he had was dressing — or rather pushing dressing until we reached the Junction. After finding our rooms we came down to breakfast and found Count who had come in from Rochester All that morning & early afternoon were spent in welcoming the boys from Boston Chicago, Houston & Elsie from Cleveland. We went out to Newmans beautiful home for cocktails & supper — a world reunion! a beautiful house in a lovely suburban setting. After coming back to the house we spent a couple of hours in bridge and Charlie Galloway sprang his proposition for all the Travel Club to enroll in the P.P.P. home Inc. — of course a lot were absent but the hope is that the information will travel. We all went to bed at an early hour and spent a most valuable and appreciative morning at the Eugenics Clinics. Luncheon was in a perfectly beautiful building and was perfect. In the afternoon we had most interesting papers in a marvelously beautiful room — they were Lectures of one hour was presented so elegantly that I had no desire to sleep in spite of the darkness. I was delighted to meet again my old friend Henry Newberg M.D. U.S. 1906 whom I had not seen since 1911 now the Prof. of Medicine at Michigan. Following the cocktail party we had our guests dinner and it was a very enjoyable affair but it broke up a little too early for some of us. We met in our rooms at the house and Ted Ballard and I feeling the need of

food went revolting in the wee small hours and found sustenance. When we came back to the Union we found Douglas & Boyer still a feast and we joined them until an early hour. In spite of much I had partaken at 7.30 and after a trip to the toilets for renovations joined the boys in Women's perfectly beautiful Maternity Hospital. The most adequately & thoughtfully planned hospital I have ever seen. While nothing is spared everything is provided for the comfort of the patient, her baby, her husband & family as well as for each and every student there in the Hospital to learn Obstetrics. I was enormously impressed. After lunch in the main hospital we again assembled for most interesting talks there our business meeting where I brought up the subject of Senior members. Then a brief time for packing and our Club dinner which unfortunately was marred by the advent of departing trains and planes, but all in all it was a most pleasant meeting we have ever had, all but eight out of a possible twenty-four present. I was especially impressed with the new members Pratt and Reid, they will make members who will carry on all the best traditions of our Club.

Dec. 11 Went down to Boston with Pop & Alice Loomis about turnover for Ande Howard. Accomplished it speedily. Telephoned Sutter, saw Mark Howe, gave Eugie a test for his eye with a very guarded prognosis for the other. He was brave and cheerful. Sutter was very well & we had a very pleasant half hour together. Talked with Bess but could not connect with Louis. Had a wonderful Monday night at the Tavern "Guest of Honor!!" Kipling & Harry Graham. Breakfasted next morning with Dannie & Ash and got back from Virginia Beach. Got back to Hadley a bit before 6 on the 12th

13 Gave my talk on this house to the Northampton Women's Club. It went or will that Genevieve could find not a cozy to sit & talk through!

Dec. 24 Had Christmas Eve dinner with brother Paul in Pelham. Dyson, Williams & Frances were there and I realize that in my attempt to bring the chronicle up to date I entirely forgot (this clipping mysteriously has been kept clear of course I should have included it) the wedding of Williams Paul my nephew to Frances Charleston on July 5th 1950. We motored down to Madison & the Sound and the wedding took place in a fine old Congregational church. The ceremony was performed by Paul & the Pastor of the church a very fine fellow. We were the only representatives of the Huntington family and felt no responsibility! The Gordes were well represented but of course the Charlestons & their friends dominated the scene. The reception was held at a fine old house right next to the church with a spacious and very decorative lawn — it happens that the area was well covered in by Charleston pedigrees. Our little titled Buttons was given back to us by the Marquis and the rally is enforced but still far too much of a proposition for Genevieve with Cheiles about as her hands and we hope to find another time more permanent home for her.

The Hampshire Gazette for Dec. 22 reported the engagement of Jane Ann Sessions & James Scott — grandson of old John & Teresa nephew — we have heard no further news!

Mrs. John Sessions of River drive, Hadley, announces the engagement of her daughter, Jane Ann, to James Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott of Mount Warner road, North Hadley. No date has been set for the wedding. Dec. 22/50

On Dec. 24 Sunday we went to Pelham to a Christmas dinner at Paul's. David, Williams & Frances were there and we had a delicious turkey and all the fixings and enjoyed a delightful family reunion. On Dec. 26 I gave a tea with my sister to the Betty Allen Chapter of the D.A.R. at their beautiful old home on South Street in Northampton some 40 or 50 were present and all went very well although Genevieve thought I used the pitcher more than was necessary and more than I have on previous occasions.

Frances & William coming down the aisle.

Dr. Huntington Gives Talk Here On 'Forty Acres' 12/14/50

"Forty-Acres" was beautifully illustrated by colored kodachromes yesterday afternoon when Dr. James L. Huntington, curator of the 1800 House in Hadley, addressed the home department and guests of the American home department of the Woman's club. Dr. Huntington sketched the early history of the first settlers of Northampton and Hadley, who left Dorchester, England, in the 1600's. He told many interesting tales of those days and showed letters of citation, bills of slave-sales, and other documents not usually thought of in connection with old houses.

The views of Forty-Acres were clear and showed in detail the construction of the house, which has had no structural change since 1799. The furniture is also authentic and correctly restored. One outstanding piece was an old trestle-table, a real museum treasure. Dr. Huntington was able to transmit to his large audience the charm and appeal of by-gone days, and the simplicity and beauty of the home of his ancestors.

Forty-Acres is not open during the winter months, but from May until fall it is open to the public, and is a real source of information for college students and others who wish to make a study of early American homes and customs.

The social hour which followed Dr. Huntington's lecture was arranged by Mrs. Stanley Flinn, Mrs. Arthur Packard, Mrs. Albert Strong, Mrs. Raymond Newell, Mrs. Herbert Langworthy and Mrs. Frank Parsons.

Mrs. Mark Rand opened the business session and announced that the next meeting of the department will be on Jan. 3, when the department is hostess to the main club, presenting as its speaker, Dr. Maxwell Goldberg of Amherst.

D. A. R. Has Party For Members And Their Families

Gifts Are Made to Chapter House. Miss Nancy Clarke Sings. Dr. Huntington Speaks on 'Forty Acres'

In spite of the snow storm during the afternoon, there was a good attendance of members and their families at the Christmas party on Tuesday, December 26, for Betty Allen at the Chapter house on South street in the evening.

Miss Nancy Clarke, soloist accompanied by Miss Mary Ellen Koch, provided a treat of several numbers appropriate to the season; and Dr. James Lincoln Huntington entertained with his talk on "Forty Acres" with Mrs. Huntington showing the very fine pictures of the home and surroundings, all so historically and interestingly connected with Hadley.

On December twenty ninth the Radio reported the coming of freezing rain and hazardous driving at 2^45 the lights were flickering in the city limits and towns and the electricity went. Twice in the evening the lights flashed on for a few seconds each time. There was not a puff of wind stirring and the temperature stood in the low thirties. I fed logs to the two fireplaces all Friday night. Saturday the sun tried to shine through the heavy fog and barely succeeded for a few minutes in the afternoon but the ice scarcely melted at all. In the afternoon I started a fire in the bedroom and all Sunday night I fed three fires. It snowed a little adding to the weight on the limbs. The Electric company says that the power might be re-established before midnight Saturday night but nothing doing. Sunday the weather cleared and there was considerable melting. The electricity came on at the 8 o'clock for over an hour and the house got really thoroughly warmed. Then the electricity went off again but the company said that it was not serious and we planned to go to the Gardners for a party in the evening and were enough the power came on for keeps at 5^30 and we went to the New years party at the Ward Gardners on South Street for a very very merry affair.

Jan. 1 1951 Paul & Merie came over & wished Happy New Year they were without electricity longer than we were and they really suffered for they had no open fireplaces and had to go out for their meals. We got by very comfortably in our fireplaces. Today has been a grey dreary day and the sun might as well have not shone at all. There is plenty of ice left on the trees. The only trees to suffer serious damage was the Scotch Elm back of the stock — that took a terrific beating losing big branches especially at the top.

HADLEY, Jan. 13—Trees, many of them Hadley's stately elms, were the basis for 90 per cent of the power failures here during both the wind storm of late November and the ice storm of the last December week end, officials of the Western Massachusetts Electric company informed more than 100 area consumers who attended a public meeting last night at the town hall.

The meeting was called at the request of Hadley selectmen and several local residents, many of whom complained because some sections of the town went without electricity for 40 hours after the November storm and for more than 50 hours following the more recent storm. Judge Harry Jekanowski presided.

Company officials explained that falling branches and limbs severed or for th emost part short-circuited wires.

Tree Trimming Program

After hearing criticisms, R. R. Habberley of Greenfield, company vice-president, stated that the utility company maintains a constant program of tree trimming. This plan often meets with the opposition of the property owners, who do not wish their trees touched. He said the company made several improvements last year and plans this year to re-route some circuits, purchase a new aerial truck for the Amherst sub-station, obtain more radio equipment to speed messages and install a special wire for a few specific areas. He said it is now customary to use bare high voltage wires instead of those with insulation. Mr. Habberley further suggested that a representative from each of the seven towns served by the company be named to meet with the company officials to study problems.

Trees Properly Trimmed?

Harry E. Gaylord, Russell street property owner, questioned if the trees were properly trimmed here and if the maintenance crews were sufficient to adequately care for the area. Kenneth D. Cuddeback, district manager, said Hadley was particularly hard hit by the ice storm. Arthur Davis, general superintendent, said the damage was not due to construction but rather to falling branches and limbs.

Conrad E. Getchell, district superintendent, said as many as five crews worked day and night following the last storm.

Power Off in North Hadley Two Hours Yesterday

Bringing the complaints up to date, Rudolph F. Hahn of North Hadley said the power was off for about two hours early yesterday morning. Mr. Getchell explained this was caused by a limb, broken during the ice storm, which finnally dropped on a line and caused a short circuit. He added that there remain many broken limbs to be cleared following the storm of about two weeks ago.

Restore Main Lines First

Edwin Podolak asked why it appeared Hadley was last to be serviced. Mr. Getchell said the company first attempts to restore the main lines. Hartsbrook and Lawrence Plain were the last lines restored, he said.

Earl Breor of Bay road queried about temporary and permanent repairs and the so-called automatic line splices. A company engineer said the breaks here were due to burning; a limb falls on a wire and a short circuit develops. Mr. Breor said that on South Middle street he observed wires down where there were no broken branches, inferring the wire to be in poor condition. Mr. Getchell said he knew of no break where falling branches or limbs were not the cause.

Disagree on Extent of Broken Limbs

Dr. James L. Huntington and Mrs. Huntington contended that Northampton received a heavy ice coating, but power was not disrupted. Mr. Davis said there were not so many broken limbs there, but Dr. Huntington disagreed.

Says One Crew Was "Anything But Speedy"

Mr. Cuddeback said the encrusted ice on trees in Plainville was nearly an inch thick, and almost as bad in the center. Mr. Gaylord said Northampton had half an inch of ice and Easthampton up to three-quarters of an inch. Easthampton lost power for only 10 hours, he said, and South Hadley Falls for but two hours.

Mr. Gaylord said he observed one crew of five near his home which was anything but speedy in making repairs.

Two Feeder Points Here

Mr. Getchell informed Roger C. Barstow that there are two feeder points here, Russell street and Huntington road. He said that alternate distribution points would not be feasible. New equipment would be necessary, he said, and its added cost would be reflected in higher consumer rates. It was later explained by Mr. Cuddeback that capacity of lines decreases as expansion occurs.

Two Strongly Commend Company and Workmen

Powerful commendation for the company was voiced by Fred J. Kentfield, who operates a large dairy business in Plainville. He praised the all around job the company is doing and asked those in attendance how many would like to climb an ice-coated pole, on a foggy night and on a main highway. He advised persons to cooperate with the company. Ernest Hibbard of North Hadley also praised the utility company for its fast work in repairing the break yesterday.

A West Hatfield businessman, who said he lives only 100 yards from a Northampton Electric Lighting company line, called the service to Hatfield the "worst" he had ever seen. More tree trimming is necessary, he said.

Another Hatfield man declared that he would not give up his shade trees and, in fact, could stand a few days without power if the trees were not harmed.

Highway Superintendent Joseph Zatyrka said the company has always cooperated fully with the town tree department and that the many old trees here create a real problem. He suggested that volunteer crews be organized on various streets to assist in removing branches during an emergency caused by a storm.

Mr. Podolak questioned the advisability of placing wires in the ground. Mr. Habberley said the cost would be prohibitive, $40,000 per mile and that this type of installation was susceptible to damage by water and lightning. Among others who spoke were Selectman Frank C. Reynolds, O. C. West, Michael Dec. J. A. Logan, Jr., and Ralph Hibbard.

THE SPRINGFIELD UNION, SPRINGFIELD, MASS., SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1951

Mrs. Barnes Again Is Guild President

Elected by Afternoon Group Of South Church

Mrs. Wayne C. Barnes was re-elected president of the Afternoon Guild of South Congregational Church, at the anual meeting which took place yesterday afternoon in the parish house.

Mrs. Edward J. Pinney was elected first vice-president, to succeed Mrs. Paul M. Ashton, and Mrs. Roger M. Warren, treasurer, succeeding Mrs. George S. Hulse.

Other officers re-elected were the second vice-president, Mrs. Frederick S. Hopkins; the secretary, Mrs. Robert A. Baldwin, Jr., assistant secretary, Mrs. Elmer E. Silver, and assistant treasurer, Mrs. Roderick A. Macaulay. Advisers are Mrs. James Gordon Gilkey and Mrs. James V. Bruyn.

The business meeting followed the annual luncheon and also included reports of activities during the past year.

Following a recommendation voted at the last meeting that the social action committee study the work being done by the Voice of America, Mrs. Richard B. Anderson, chairman of the committee, reported that the group will work toward providing programs of a more spiritual nature, and that a meeting will be held in May.

Miss Sally Leeds reported on DP placements and a motion that the church take care of one family was made and passed.

Mrs. Albert W. Ghoreyeb presented the slate for election. She was assisted on the nominating committee by Mrs. Alden W. Baldwin, Mrs. Clark L. Richards, Jr., and Mrs. Charles B. Rockwell.

Speaker for the afternoon was Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, curator of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Inc., of Hadley, who gave an illustrated talk on the history of the house, which is still furnished with ancestral furniture and household articles.

Through the use of colored slides, Dr. Huntington showed views of the house and grounds as well as interior views of the rooms which contain furniture that has been in the family from one to three hundred years.

Mrs. Charles Cummings, food service director, was in charge of luncheon arrangements. Mrs. Arthur N. Heald had charge of table setting. Miss Katherine Hough was chairman of the food service finance committee and Mrs. Leland L. Rowe was chairman of table service. Mrs. Albert E. Neale planned flower arrangements to decorate the tables.

AFTERNOON GUILD ELECTS—Shown with the guest speaker, Dr. James L. Huntington, at yesterday's annual meeting of the Afternoon Guild of South Church, are three of the guild's officers. Left to right, the officers are Mrs. Edward J. Pinney, Jr., new vice-president; Mrs. Wayne C. Barnes, president, and Mrs. Roderick A. Macaulay, assistant treasurer and program chairman for the day. Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Macaulay were re-elected.

Historical Society Renames Huntington; Must Raise $50,000

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Officials said that unless $50,000 can be raised by June of next year the corporation will have to be dissolved, life memberships returned and the house and its contents sold. Prof. Samuel Eliot Morison of Harvard University calls the house the most valuable in New England for students of 18th century culture. It was built in 1752 by Capt. Moses Porter, three years before he was killed in the French War.

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asparagus and strawberry supper served by the Women's Union in First Congregational church.

Funeral of Sylvester Bloyder

Funeral services for Sylvester Bloyder of 69 South West street will be from the home Saturday morning at 8.15, with a high Mass of requiem in Holy Rosary church at 9. Burial will be in St. Brigid's cemetery, Plainville. He was a native of Poland and had resided here for 45 years. He leaves his wife, Magdelena (Szarek) Bloyder; two sons, Joseph F. of Bayonne, N. J., and Frank J., at home; a daughter, Mrs. Jennie Byron of Hadley; two brothers, Stanley Bloyder of Hadley and Frank Bloyder of New York city; a sister, Mrs. Mary Bagienski of Newark, N. J. and four grandchildren.

Annual Meeting at Forty Acres

The third annual meeting of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Inc., will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 in the First Congregational church. Officers and directors will be elected, and reports will be given by Dr. James L. Huntington, president, and William E. Dwyer, clerk and treasurer. Following the business meeting, there will be opportunity for the members to inspect the house and grounds of Forty Acres. Tea will be served.

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PTON, MASS., THURSDAY,

AMHERST

Dr. Huntington To Speak Here Sunday At 5

Amherst, Feb. 8 — Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, curator, will give an illustrated lecture on the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house, built in Hadley in 1752, in the Jones library auditorium at five o'clock next Sunday afternoon. This historic house, which has not seen any structural change since 1799, is entirely furnished with ancestral furniture and household articles of early Colonial times, with portraits of the earliest occupants, and china, glass, silver and jewels which belong to them and their forbears. The story of this house is the story of Hadley and its people during the past 200 years.

Dr. Huntington, long-time practicing physician in Boston, Amherst and Northampton is a graduate of Dartmouth college and the Harvard Medical school. He studied at various hospitals in England, Ireland and Germany, joined the staff of the Boston Lying-In hospital in 1911 and became a leader in gynecology and obstetrics in the eastern part of the state. He is a member of the Massachusetts Medical society, Society of Mayflower Descendants, Colonial Society of Massachusetts and many clubs. Dr. and Mrs. Huntington, who will assist him in his lecture, occupy the "Forty Acres" estate in Hadley the year around.

Huntington House Will Be Sold If Board Cannot Raise $50,000

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In the annual report of the directors, it was explained that the house was built in 1752 on River Dr. here, on common land owned in part by the Porter family since the settlement of Hadley in 1659. The present generation is the tenth to occupy the land and the sixth the house. It is incorporated, but the directors cannot accept the deed of gift until adequate means are provided for the future. Thus the board reports it is at the crossroads. The fate of the house is in the balance.

Actually, unless $50,000 can be raised by June of next year the corporation will have to be dissolved; life memberships returned; contributing memberships refunded in part; and the house and its contents sold. The opportunity to perpetuate this historic mansion will be lost for all time.

If the sum can be obtained in the near future, this house will be a going concern as an educational institution. In its original setting, with no restoration, and none necessary, no additions and only the simplest improvements since 1799, the house is considered by Samuel Eliot Morison, professor of colonial history at Harvard, and by other educators, the most valuable in New England for students of 18th century culture.

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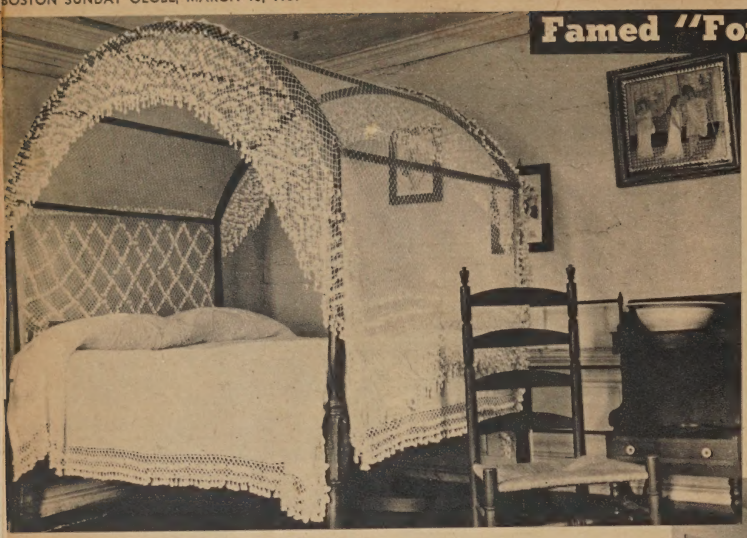
D. A. R. Meets Wednesday

Amherst, April 14—Members of Mary Mattoon chapter of the D. A. R. wishing to bring friends to the meeting at the Hills Memorial clubhouse Tuesday may do so, if they will notify Mrs. F. G. Ruder, telephone 223, by Monday noon.

After a short business meeting, which starts at 3 p. m., Dr. and Mrs. James L. Huntington of Hadley will give an illustrated talk, which will tell the story of the Porter-Phelps Huntington house, of which he is the curator. This colonial home is called "Forty Acres" and was built in 1752 by a hero of the French war who gave his life in defense of his native land. It has had no structural change since 1799, when it was the house of the squire of the town, the son-in-law of the builder. Following the program, Mrs. Howard Atkins and her committee will serve refreshments.

Famed "Forty Acres"



One of the truly extraordinary old houses of New England is "Forty Acres," the Bishop Huntington House built in Hadley on the banks of the Connecticut River in 1752. In the same family for 10 generations — the present curator is Dr. James Lincoln Huntington—it has remained untouched for 150 years. (Right) Dining room china cupboard showing treasured lustre pitcher and bowls (top shelf) and Loewstoft set (middle shelves).

The northeast bedroom on the lower floor of the house—it's a large, three-story gambrel-roof structure—is dominated by this "field bed." Last child to be born at "Forty Acres" was born in this bed in 1819.

Smoke oven (left) used to cure pork and salmon. Usually found cut-of-doors, this one is not only inside the house, but up a flight of stairs. (Right) East end of the Long Room, built in its present state in 1799. Note ladder-backed chairs at the window.

Photos by Samuel Chamberlain

American Home Department Of Club To Visit Hadley

The American home department of the Northampton Woman's club will open its season on Wednesday, October 10, at the First church. Mrs. Alexander Caird will be in charge of the coffee hour at 1.30 p. m.

There will be a short business meeting, following which the group will leave at 2.30 p. m. for Hadley, where they will visit the "1800 House" at "Forty Acres." Dr. James Huntington will conduct the tour of this old colonial home of his ancestors. The telephone committee will contact each member and transportation will be provided for those needing it.

THE BOSTON HERALD, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 19

Social Chatter

By Alison Arnold

SNOW SWIRLED outside, but inside lilacs bloomed for members of the Beacon Hill Garden Club yesterday afternoon. They met at the home of Mrs. Henry A. Murray on Brimmer street, where Dr. James P. Huntington showed beautifully colored slides of the 18th century garden at "Forty Acres," the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house in Hadley, homestead of his ancestors. Interiors of this rambling old house showed wide floor boards and panelling, cavernous ovens, HL hinges and rare antiques. Mellow pine highboys with original brasses, Chippendale mirrors, Hepplewhite chairs and quaint four-posters were but a few of the family heirlooms.

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PRESIDING AT THE MEETING was Mrs. Charles Townsend, president of the Beacon Hill Garden Club. After the talk, members gathered for tea in the pleasant diningroom overlooking a snow-covered garden and a wide expanse of the Charles River. Among those at the meeting were Mrs. Roger Warner, Mrs. Ronald V. C. Bodley, Mrs. Frank A. Bourne, Mrs. Jerome Hunsaker, Mrs. Arthur Campbell, Mrs. Alfred R. McIntyre, Mrs. Edward A. Taft, Mrs. F. Delano Putnam, Mrs. Temple Pond, Mrs. John Codman, Mrs. Sherman Miles, Mrs. Samuel Temple, Mrs. Robert Cushman, Mrs. Gordon Allen and Mrs. E. Sohier Welch.

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Woman's Club Has Tour Of Historic Mansion In Hadley

"Elizabeth" the family ghost of "Forty Acres," the old Bishop-Huntington house in Hadley, peeped over the shoulders of a group of women from the Northampton Woman's club Wednesday afternoon when they toured that historical spot.

As the visitors stepped through the door of this beautiful old home they were taken back to 1752 when the house was first occupied by Moses Porter.

Succeeding generations have added to the priceless colonial antiques and authentic family pieces which grace this old mansion.

Nothing has been replaced or substituted and each piece of pewter and every bit of lustrous furniture has an interesting and varied history.

Preceding this tour a coffee hour, in the parlors of the First Congregational church, opened the first fall meeting of the American home department of the organization.

Mrs. Harold R. Strand, president, conducted a short business meeting at which reports of the annual meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Albert Strong, was chairman of the committee, assisted by Mrs. Raymond D. Newell, Mrs. Frank S. Parsons, Mrs. W. Herbert Langworthy and Mrs. George E. Davis.

Firemen's Concert

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Genealogical Society Hears Lecture Today

An illustrated lecture on "Forty Acres," one of the best-preserved ancient houses of the Connecticut Valley, in Hadley, will be given by Dr. James Lincoln Huntington at the annual meeting of the New England Historic Genealogical Society at 9 Ashburton place this afternoon. Kkown generally as the Bishop Huntington house after the name f the speaker's ancestor's the structure has been memorialized by Dr. Huntington and Samuel Chamberlain in a regional book.

"Forty Acres" was built in 1752 by a hero of the French and Indian wars and has had no structural changes since 799. Bishop F. D. Huntington, a beloved prelate, made it his summer home for 50 years.

PTON, MASS., FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1951

HADLEY

Unless $50,000 Can Be Raised During Next Year, Corporation To Dissolve

Needed Before Next June for Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Inc., If Property and Contents of Historic Mansion Are Not to Be Sold. Is Considered Valuable for Students of 18th Century Culture

HADLEY, May 25 — Unless $50,000 can be raised during the next year the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Inc., will have to be dissolved, it was pointed out at the annual meeting this afternoon in First Congregational church. Officials said that if this sum isn't realized before June next year, the corporation will be dissolved; life memberships returned; contributing memberships refunded in part and the house and its contents sold. The opportunity to perpetuate this historic mansion will be lost for all time.

On the other hand, authorities say that if this sum can be obtained in the near future, this house, with its colonial atmosphere accurately preserved, will be a going concern as an educational institution. In its original setting, with no restoration, and none necessary, no additions and only the simplest improvements since 1799, the house is considered by Samuel Eliot Morison, professor of colonial history at Harvard, and by other educators, the most valuable in New England for students of 18th century culture.

Call It Great Asset to Colleges

The directors maintain that the house would be a great asset to the University of Massachusetts and the colleges within easy range as a teaching unit for the departments of history and of art.

Dr. Huntington, the curator, plans to retire from the practice of medicine and devote his whole time to the house if the sought for money is raised.

The house now is entirely furnished with family possessions, dating back to the earliest years in America. There has never been a real division of the contents. The mansion was built by Captain Moses Porter three years before he was killed in battle in the French war in 1755.

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Reading Awards Presented To Many Russell Pupils

Dr. James L. Huntington, chairman of the Goodwin Memorial library trustees awarded honor reading certificates to pupils of Russell school at an assembly today. Other board members attending were Miss Florence Burke, Mr. William Murphy, Mrs. Jane Pierce, Mrs. Mabelle Taylor, Mrs. Marion Waters, and Miss Grace Crosier, librarian.

Board members commended pupils for interest shown and hoped that good reading habits would make for greater enjoyment through life.

This reading program, sponsored by the Massachusetts department of education, division of public libraries, is carried on jointly by the school and public library. A total of 3305 books had been read and reported with a total of 650 five-book certificates issued during the school year, and 135 twenty-book honor certificates earned by 89 pupils.

The pupils of grade seven, under the leadership of Principal James F. English, Jr., presented short original readings on the subject of library habits.

Dr. Huntington presented six 20-book honor certificates to Leonard Gnatek, grade eight, who had read more books than any former pupil. Other recipients were as follows: Four certificates, grade eight, Donna Kilmoski; grade seven, John Pipczynski; three certificates, grade eight, Elsie West; grade seven, Frederick Fox, Thomas, Kowal, Michael Matuszek; grade five, Chester Baj, Patricia Kusek; two certificates, grade eight, Helen Filipowicz, Peter Fydenkevez, John Karakula, Kenneth Kowal, Henry Moczulewski, Charles Niedbala, Dorothy Sarrasin, Margaret Taraska, Tekla Wanczyk; grade seven, Philip Duffy, Stanley Jekanowski, Peter Sadlowski, Paul Yarrows, Marion Zenzayer; grade six, Frederick Kowal, Richard Kozera, June Latham, Patricia Malinoski, Richard Martula, Edwin Podolak, Robert Sullivan; grade five, Rose Kermensky; one certificate; grade eight, Loretta Berestka, Donald Figiela, Joseph Kowal, Robert Michalowski, Rachelle Rimbold, Everett Robinson, John Rocasah, James Russell, Donald Sullivan; grade seven, Nancy Adams, Irene Borowski, Connie Bussiere, Jeanett Cooley, Robert Fox, Georgia Hannigan, Eugene Hoynoski, Statia Konieczny, Theodore Kosior, Jean Lannon, Ronald LeMire, Irene O'Shepa, Norma Sanders, Jeanette Sarrasin, Carol Tudryn, Martha Waters, Thomas West, Lorraine Zalenski, Joseph Zgrodnik; grade six, James Blyda, Margaret Callahan, Eileen Chmura, Lewis Chunglo, John Czerwinski, Ann Duffy, Paul Ilnicky, Richard Karakula, Kathleen Kelly, David Klimoski, Robert Martula, Rita Moczulewski, Richard Niedbala, Doris Sanders, Lucille Sarrasin, Richard

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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Famous Huntington

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING SUN — *Sir:* As historian of the Huntington family, I cannot let pass the statement in *The Evening Sun* for February 23, which has just been brought to my attention.

In that paper under the name of Robert Ordway Foote are these sentences: "Samuel Huntington signed the Declaration of Independence. Beyond that, history is silent on him." Either Mr. Foote does not read history or else his authorities are singularly lacking in details about one of the greatest figures in the history of Connecticut, to say nothing about his service to his country during and after the revolution.

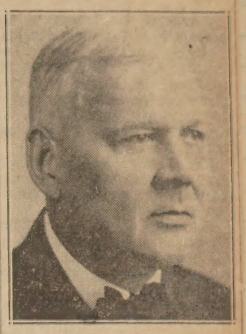
Here are a few facts concerning the most famous of all Huntingtons: In 1774 he was appointed associate judge of the Superior Court of Connecticut. In October, 1775, the General Assembly, of which he was now a member, appointed him a delegate to the Continental Congress, in which he took his seat January, 1776. He was a member of this body until 1781. Besides serving a term as president from September, 1779, to July, 1781, he was also a member of many of the most important committees, such as: Indian Affairs, Manufacture of Arms, Capture and Condemnation of Prisoners, and Supplies of Ammunition. He was also a member of the Marine Court. In 1784 he was appointed chief justice of the Superior Court of Connecticut. In 1785 he was chosen lieutenant governor and in 1786 Governor of the State of Connecticut, and to this office he was elected annually until his death in 1796.

While he had no children of his own he had over 60 nephews and nieces, so many that in his later years he was called "Uncle Sam" by all the people of Norwich. It is a family tradition that because of this and his prominence in national affairs, he was the original of our American figurehead "Uncle Sam." In Lossing's "Pictorial Field Book of the Revolution" there are no less than ten references to this distinguished patriot.

California may probably well consider fame as resting upon "the things money has preserved." Here in New England we prefer to honor public service and continue to cherish its achievements through succeeding centuries.

JAMES LINCOLN HUNTINGTON, M.D.
Historian of the Huntington Family Association,
Hadley, Mass., March 4.

Dr. Huntington To Be Camera Guild Speaker



Dr. James L. Huntington

Dr. James L. Huntington, curator of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Inc., in old Hadley, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Holyoke Camera Guild at 7:30 p. m. Monday, March 19. The meeting at the St. Germain studio on Appleton St. will be conducted by Charles E. Vautrain, president.

Dr. Huntington, who now practices obstetrics at the Cooley-Dickinson hospital, Northampton, is the author of numerous historical sketches, and served as corresponding secretary of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts from 1929-41.

A Dartmouth graduate, he received his training at Massachusetts General hospital and the Boston Lying-In hospital, and studied obstetrics for a year in Germany. He has served on the staff of Boston City hospital, Boston Lying-In, and was chief of obstetrical service at Cambridge hospital from 1922-45.

In his talk, illustrated with colored slides, he will describe the history of Forty Acres, which was built in 1752 by a hero who died in the French War. It has seen no structural change since 1799, when it was the house of the squire of the town, the son-in-law of the builder.

The slides will cover practically every room in the house and all the important pieces of furniture, portraits, china, glass, silver and jewels.

Meetings of the Camera Ghild are open to amateur and professional photographers alike.

Robert E. Hennessey, 54, of Pittsfield, employe by the Smith Paper, Inc., in Lee, is dead.

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SUNDAY AT 5 FEBRUARY 11, 1951

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

PORTER-PHELPS-HUNTINGTON HOUSE
In Hadley, Mass.

BY

DR. JAMES LINCOLN HUNTINGTON, CURATOR

EVERYONE WELCOME

WELLESLEY COLLEGE graduates, adjusting their caps en route, follow junior class leaders, Chris Dyer of St. Louis; president and Betty Brewer of Richmond, Va., vice-president, right up the campus road to their baccalaureate service.

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Old Hadley House Curator Next At Woman's Club

Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, curator of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Inc., in Old Hadley,

DR. JAMES HUNTINGTON

will speak before members of the Greenfield Woman's Club, their husbands and members of Greenfield Historical Society Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the club rooms.

The program is being presented under direction of the committee for preservation of antiques.

Dr. Hunington will describe the grounds, house and contents, using colored slides to illustrate many details of this historic museum.

Forty Acres was built in 1752 and has had no structural change since 1799. There has been no real division of the furnishings of the house comprised entirely of ancestral furniture and household articles. Dr. Hunington's pictures will show portraits, china, glass, silver and jewels which have been in the family from 100 to 300 years.

Dr. Huntington, who makes his home in this house, is the author of the book, "Forty Acres", illustrated by Samuel Chamberlain.

Refreshments will be served during the social hour.

ACTION CLASSIC!

Beinth granddad in action 1952

Old Hadley Home Subject of Talk By Dr. Huntington

Greenfield, April 1—Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, curator of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Inc. in Old Hadley was guest speaker at the meeting of the Woman's Club of Greenfield tonight at the clubrooms on Church St.

He spoke on "Forty Acres", built in 1752 and he illustrated his talk with colored slides which indicated in detail the house, the contents, grounds and owners.

Dr. Huntington, a graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Medical School, is an author and lecturer. As well as a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology and is a member of the Patriots and Founders Society of America.

The committee on preservation of antiques with Mrs. F. Raymond Andrews as chairman was in charge of the program. Refreshments were served.

Holyokers who gave blood this week when the Red Cross staff came to the War Memorial building were welcomed by the new medical director of the Red Cross mobile unit for Western Massachusetts. He is Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley, head of the famous Huntington clan, and eminent leader of his profession and one of the most interesting personalities in Western Massachusetts.

In November 1952 I began to work with the Red Cross as a per diem basis — earning 3½% of my earnings to my father Carnegie!! On Feb. 23 1953 I became a full time physician with the Red Cross and very thankfully severed all my relations with Carnegie but not without some legal difficulty. Our dealings for the preceding year had been conducted entirely through our attorneys. It was a better disappointment to me. My Red Cross work was a wonderful relief and a constantly growing interest. I found the work unpopular and decided and was able to make it a delight to all of us with Spirit-de-Corps of the highest grade and welcome wherever we went. Here is the wind up: Now after years of delay I again take my pen in hand to tell the "Saga of Forty acres" the story from Jan 1st 1951 to date (April 1956). The partnership with J.E. Carnegie became more and more trying — our plot all important dealings had to be conducted through our lawyer John Finn and Bill Dwyer. I was offered the position of per diem physician with the Red Cross Blood Mobile by Larry Dwyer in June 52 and took it eagerly although I had to turn over 80% of my earnings to the institute Carnegie. Working on Feb. 1952 I was offered the full time position with the Red Cross and promptly with infinite relief dissolved the partnership much to the resentment of Carnegie who so eloquently displayed in many ways in the settlement of our affairs "I don't know when a serpent's tooth it is to have an ungrateful child." I certainly was relieved to have it over with! My work with the Red Cross was delightful from the start — I found hospitality in many Chapters due to previous misunderstanding and it was a great personal satisfaction to be able to smooth these out and restore cordial (and in many cases affectionate) relations where betrayal had been before.

The work became doubly interesting for it became evident after a few months after Dr. Banister had succeeded my old friend Nat Faxon in Boston that the next move would be to eliminate the Northampton Sub-station. Lawrence Dwyer [illegible] Director was [illegible]

Left with Kelly added in finance and a little added work – Just made to Mrs Potter, the director of the Northampton Sub-Station – With all her unquestioned ability was beginning to feel that the Blood Service sub-station was too small potatoes for her. Was relieved of her post in June 1953 and Mrs. Black from the Boston unit took over Mrs Potters duties – However she only came up from Boston a day or so every week so that and things became very slack up here and finally in early 1955 her position was eliminated and a creature by the name of Warren took over up here. His ambitions and over zealousness was to get rid of Northampton and of me – this although he was a Dartmouth graduate and officially of pleasant friendly appearance. He certainly has led me and a little troop a dance. Now at the end of 1955 he almost has it so that I am temporarily defeated and at times almost do he no longer entitled to wish for the elimination of our unit – but he is such a lazy slob that anything he says has to be taken with reservation. In December 1955 I was notified that I would no longer hold a salaried position (with sick leave, vacation leave life insurance etc) but would merely be employed on a per diem basis. The reason for this was given by Benton as I had been absent from the unit so many days in 1955 I could no longer afford to hold a salaried position. My duties in my endeavors, ordered by him, to stimulate volunteer appearances in the towns and cities I had no force to attend any of but I had my regular Navy duties at the center. Benton gave these to the lot Warner & left in as little all these every as per Benton gave them to me. So I am leaving the Red Cross (certainly until this fall & I hope permanently) May 15th and devoting all my time and energies to Trinity Church its Parish Ground and its future.

Our unit has seen many changes since I took over Feb 1952. After much prolonged pilling & frenzied Secretary (Mrs. William) was made the Deputy early July 1952 and has been a tower of strength ever since. We lost Miss Wyeth (Faye) Miss Shaw and Mrs Lindgren in 1952 after many strifes which terminated in October of that year. Then Mrs. Du Pre's Degen and a 'nervous breakdown' and had to leave in early 1953.

see unit photo p. 145

We make up these losses with Helen Hamstead & Doris Simonsen, Amy Shaw and Bernadette Roach. All splendid additions. Howard Helen was married early in the fall of 1953 and a month or two later Rita Gordon announced her engagement and was married June 1955 but to still the very brilliant performer in our unit that she always has been. George Gates left us in 1953 for the Pacific Coast where he has a splendid job with the Lord Works in the L.A. Long Beach area. Frank Tyler – rich to death of the constant struggle during the worst cold epidemic of the middle of 1954. Every Jan. & July since July 1954 has been dynamically set on the eve of our unit. Ted here added Stewart Bottler and Norman Tilley to our staff. Richard Eatmon still the back bone of our clerical staff. "Richie" Warren by dear friend of St. Andrew and Tarrytown days & pulled in Dick – Just total getting training with brilliant results by 1955. Pat Amyes Shaw – Irish and by temperament complicated and uncertainty about her future with the Red Cross had a nervous breakdown in June 1955 and Mrs. Stuff on the Rolls (retired by now) probably will never return to the unit & in her place Bertha (Patty) Hokanson of South Valley and Ida Attwood have been added to our staff much to our satisfaction – both are excellent team workers.

So much for the amelioration of my Red Cross history. To return to the family Bennett continues active – often quite late and with the family Bennett continues active – often quite late and with the family Bennett continues active – often quite late and with

Constants wife, Gladys, spent the summer of 1951 with her daughter Alfreda Ingebert in Flint in the Upper. She brought back a beautiful 18th Century Silver fork that belonged to her early Pennsylvania ancestors. It made a beautiful addition to our dining table silver. But when Constant came to Hadley in 1953 as the future of Forty Acres was very much in the doubt he took it back to England. At this visit in 1953 Con seemed very willing - in fact strongly advised selling off pieces of furniture that would bring high prices to take us along in the hope of real enjoyment, also of selling all our possessions save enough to provide funds for any old age. We grant us for us to place the disposal of Forty Acres in the hands of the Straight Realty Co - a return visit from. However when it came to a show down of Con's return to England - he refused to give his necessary consent to "sound his life interest" so of course this plan had to be abandoned. In place of this he promised to give us $2,000 before August 1954 if necessary to pay for the other heir expenses at Forty Acres; but he hoped that the other members of the family would reduce them materially by sharing in the expense of upkeep. Betsy Dyer, Ben, Catherine & Paul all promised to do their best to cooperate with Constant in this endeavor to prevent a sale. However as the months went by one after the other with the sole exception of dear sister Catherine found that they could not meet their obligations. Then Constant by a most extraordinary change of face would only contribute to Forty Acres - a promise he here in writing without anything. - on a basis of receiving a share in the ownership of Forty Acres (this he had solemnly renounced and given his deed to that effect years ago), and thereby the years had again and again declared that he had no interest at all in the ownership in any part of this estate. Of course I could not consider ownership with him especially after he had so flagrantly gone back on his solemn promise to supply us with a single cent for upkeep which he had repeatedly promised $2000 if necessary. This devastating news almost wrecked us - We felt that now we had got to sell everything and as a start we would sell at auction the contents of the Choice House in June and the rest in September. However at the annual meeting in May Mrs Day & Eliza Bowman with others established a committee fully determined to preserve this house for posterity - they guaranteed $2,000 a year for upkeep before June 1956. However we had already made plans feeling that the future of Forty Acres was so bound up with the disposal of the contents of the Choice House by auction and that we would rent the Choice House and move to Northampton until we could return to quarters here at Forty Acres. We had the auction early in June - Mr. Bean (the Yankee auctioneer) was employed and did a superb job. We sold everything in the Choice House (no family antiques at all) a few good pieces that I had acquired in the years since 1926 & nothing else - except our modern furniture, rugs etc. We feel that we got all that it was worth & nearly $7,000. Our plan was to live in the old house during the summer. However June proved so bitterly cold and the house was so damp that Genevieve was forced to hunt for and found very promptly a snug 3 roomed apartment on Northampton St (already for moving Sept 9)... This was just in time for both of us contracted pneumonia because of the bitter cold & the prevalence of upper respiratory infections - severe bronchial colds and I had to go to the hospital for a week & Genevieve only held off for a month although back in only for 2 weeks! I took a two weeks vacation in July. We had tremendous crowds in the house in connection with the auction and these continued during June and July. August was blistering hot - for 26 days almost in a row the temp. was above 90° in the shade! It was so hot in Northampton that we came back here to Hadley for a few nights. We rented the Choice House in June to young instructors from Western Reserve - delightful fellows. Rented at a very good price and Early in the summer we heard of this weeks course in Historic House Keeping to be held on the campus here at Smith College in September under the combined auspices of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Society for Historic Society. Our Committee felt that it was most important for me to attend this course in spite of the expense. So I arranged to take my annual leave at this time. I was anxious to keep myself occupied that the ones I had did not shout the house all to pieces since Prof. Kitchen re-arranged the furnishings. Not only that but Bess Miller

had taken several of the pieces displayed back to Boston. Just at this time a dear friend of Forty Acres appeared, to share his enthusiasm and his skilful services with the project of restoration here at Forty Acres. An expert photographer especially in colored slides he welcomed the opportunity to take all the pictures but mostly. Alfred Miller, a representative of a publishing house that specializes in school books, shares his colored slides and gives talks in New England scenes & beauty spots. So he is delighted to carry the story of Forty Acres with him on his travels. We leave very early in July and record through the hours taking at least 25 pictures. Most of these were unsatisfactory. The ones that did not suit his critical eye were re-taken at request at which time he made a tape recording for us as well as for himself. Armed with these new and many of my old slides we went to Cooperstown on Sunday Sept. 18th. We left Northampton about 10 AM landed in Pittsfield. Stopped to see the "Secret Caverns" - a terrible place down over one hundred steps which ruled me out. If cured Genevieve of ever wanting to visit another Caverns! We reached Cooperstown about 5. The Hotel Otsego - named for the lake it is on and stretches 8 miles up to the mountainous hills surrounding - is superb and the food delicious. We were hopeful but a bit worried at the prospect of meeting all of our fellow students and the distinguished lecturers that were to instruct us in historic house keeping.

We began making friends at once. That evening we listened to a serious and most interesting address by the President of the Williamsburg Restoration.

To our instant satisfaction we learned from her talk that in every respect our house fulfilled the requirements for the Historic House Museum and that all our efforts had been along the proper lines. We found a lovely companion at our delightful dinner table from New Berne North Carolina - whose project is the restoration of the Tryon Palace in that city. Also Mrs. Mathis from Philadelphia who had been with the National Park Dept. especially working at Independence Hall. I found a charming note from Mrs. Goodrich of Andover whom I had not seen for 30 years she had as a companion from Andover the wife of one of my surgical colleagues in Boston - Horatio Rogers. As the days went by - filled to the brim with most interesting and valuable facts about historic houses and how not to do things - we grew more and more fond of our new friends Dr. & Mrs. Jones and Fred Roth. The latter informed me that he wanted personally to discuss with me our proposed future at Forty Acres. He also asked me to show my slides Tuesday after the afternoon session. The news spread through the entire group and schedules were re-arranged so that we had practically the whole group as our audience. Fred Goodrich the first slide struck and broke (cutting her finger fortunately). It was the map and I had really finished with it when this happened. She was wonderful, cleaned up the mess in a few seconds and ran off the other slides as if nothing had happened. As I progressed in my talk I saw Jones move over a seat beside Roth and they were talking in every thing in such a critical way that I feared the most. However when I concluded they both rushed up with hands extended to congratulate me. They had only the highest praise for what I had accomplished, what I had shown and my plans for the future. It was most stimulating and encouraging. The three sessions a day were most strenuous but the intimacy and confidence displayed by all made it truly delightful.

On Thursday I had my conference with Roth - I had predicted 2 questions "How to arouse the necessary funds for repairs and maintenance; and how to interest the general public." He told me that we must depend on industry and the foundations for anything as extensive as my plans called for and that the National Trust was really making progress in its efforts with both of these. He assured me that Forty Acres would be among those first to be considered. He promised an early visit to Forty Acres.

On Thursday evening after the lectures we were invited to a small party at Dr. Jones house and we had a most delightful time and really got more from our hosts in an intimate way. On Friday [illegible] away from the meeting (a talk on furnishing the

reached home — it was not of any especial value to us (we are in Hadley) and went through the wonderful "Farm Museum" — really almost a village with the huge museum building, the Landcliff Giant, Blacksmithy, Lawyer Office, Tavern, Farm cottage with a real Hadley chest and the apothecary's house. Peaches and other fruit were rendering almost very tempting. A most amusing time at the drug store (the apothecary (a real retired pharmacist some 70 yrs old) when he discovered that I was a doctor took me right into his confidence and treated me like an old friend.

The museum was tremendous and would take hours & thoroughly explore and of course we could only give the exhibits a passing glance. Saturday morning brought rain (the other days had been perfect) so treats finished quickly & all our dear friends we left for Northampton about 10 o'clock and arrived there by 2.20 stopping at Albany to see the very beautiful but "cold" Schuyler Mansion. We had a good lunch at a Howard Johnsons just this side of Albany and reached the Northampton quarters at a bit after 3 P.M.

The following Wednesday I received this telegram: (the original is on the back of the picture of the antiquate of Award hanging inside the front door) "Williamsburg Va. 27. 932 A.M. Dr. James Huntington Huntington 40 acres Hadley (R.F.D. Northampton Mass) Awards Committee American Association State and Local History has recognized your valiant and intelligent fight to save 40 acres by voting you one of its awards of merit. Warmest congratulations, regards to you and Mrs. Huntington Louis C. Jones, Chairman Awards Committee

HADLEY

DR. HUNTINGTON ACCORDED HONOR BY HISTORIANS

Certificate of Merit Given In Recognition of Work To Preserve Home

Hadley, Oct. 1—Announcement that Dr. James L. Huntington has been awarded a certificate of merit by the American Association of State and Local Historians, for his efforts to preserve for posterity the historical Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in this town, highlighted a meeting here this afternoon.

The disclosure was made at a meeting at the 200-year old Huntington ancestral home, 40-Acres, of the special committee which has been campaigning for funds to rehabilitate the famed structure on River Dr. At the same time it was revealed that plans are already being formulated by the Episcopal clergy of eastern United States to conduct a pilgrimage to the home where Bishop Huntington was born and died. The pilgrimage is tentatively set for May 30, 1956 and may become an annual event in the new program to convert the now vacant home into a religious and historical shrine.

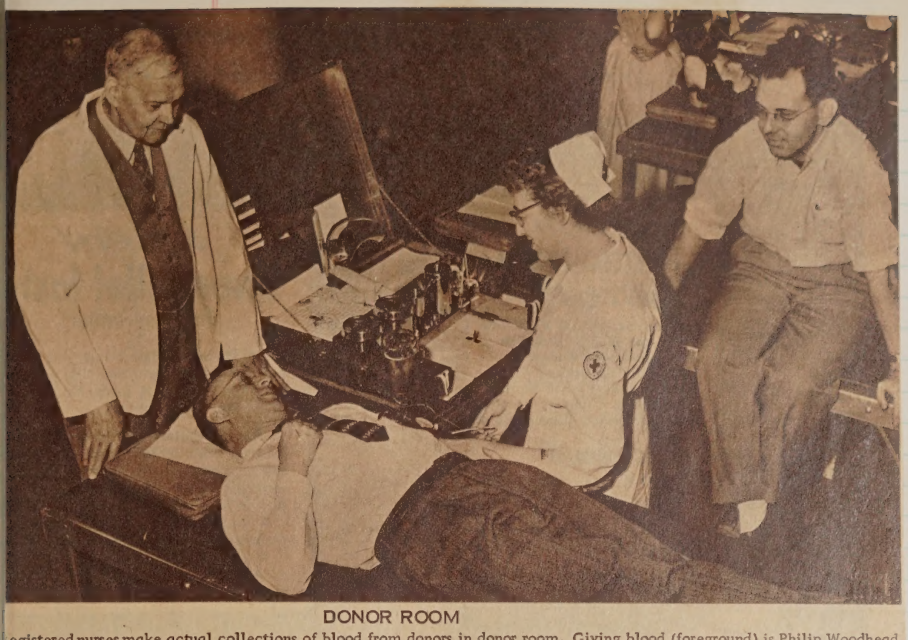
Contributions Sought

Mrs. Elsa Brown of Amherst, chairman of the special committee on maintenance of the home, reported that the committee, through letters, was instrumental in obtaining renewals of 125 memberships in Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Inc., and 36 new members have paid fees since July 1. In addition, nearly $1000 has been contributed to a special maintenance fund for rehabilitation of the colonial building. She revealed that a new brochure setting forth the religious and historical aspects of the home has been prepared and 10,000 will be sent out all over United States.

Word of the honor that has been bestowed on Dr. Huntington, who for several years has been seeking ways and means of preserving the home, came in a telegram from Louis C. Jones, chairman of the awards committee of the American Association of State and Local Historians at Williamsburg, Va. The telegram read in part: "Awards Committee of the American Association of State and Local Historians has recognized your valiant and intelligent fight to save 40-Acres by voting you one of its annual awards of merit".

The campaign for funds for maintaining the historic place will be continued and extended, members of the special committee decided at today's meeting.

Maybe a duplicate — the flood of 1936!



DONOR ROOM

Registered nurses make actual collections of blood from donors in donor room. Giving blood (foreground) is Philip Woodhead, of Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Co. Supervising procedure (at left) is Dr. James L. Huntington, Bloodmobile physician. Nurse is Mrs. Rita Prew, R. N. Joseph Guy (at right) is donor who has just made blood contribution.

Might be one starting off with Blood Mobile unit for Speaking in Church! (see p. 145)

Jo Ann Reed
Tomorrow Going to the Symphony
Cake Walk '50

Versatility of Blood Explained

Blood donated to the American Red Cross produces upwards of 100 different medicines with specialized uses. Among them are serum albumin, used in treatment of severe shock, and gamma globulin, used in the supression of measles and polio. Shown here explaining these facts to Mrs. Norman Hare of Colony Rd., West Springfield, is Dr. James L. Huntington, Bloodmobile physician. On the right, holding the pint of blood donated by Mrs. Hare, is Norman Tiley, blood custodian for the Bloodmobile.

FOUR TEXAN COMPTONS

I. T. R.

David Ford Huntington
Breanna Urquhart
Katie Urquhart
Alfreda Urquhart
William Huntington
Catharine S. Huntington
Front row
Thomas Urquhart
Gladys Huntington

Betty Bolton (Miss United Boston)
Evelyn Huntington, (Director of Montessori Episcopal Church)
Joanne Lee Secy. to United Nations.

Tagore Lee, Catharine Huntington
Alfreda Urquhart, Breanna Urquhart
Thomas Urquhart

Milton Home Party Oct. 12 1953

Overlook Farm Friends House

back row Fredric, J&H, Emerson Day, Morton Zilliacus, A.H.R.
front row Dorothy (Gardiner) Smith, Emily (Emerson) Day, Ethel (Stephen) Zilliacus, Genevieve

Oct 53 Arch Lift
Milton

The "Hanover Visit"
Fredrick, Gardiner, Arthur J&H
Dorothy, Emily, Ethel

Great Friends Visitors Playing on the Shore at Bernardston see p. 139 July 1954

Home Party Forty acres Oct. 1954

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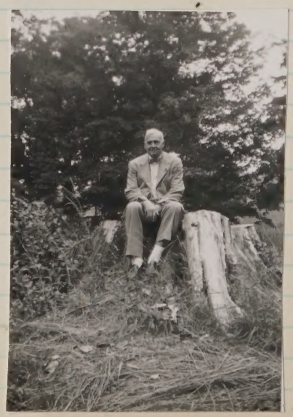

Sitting on stoop of Mrs Potter's cottage Bernardston Mass July 1954
On the beach at Bernardston July 1954
Last day June 1954 (1) H.H. Lampman at my sketches.

Christmas 55

Fred & Carl Sivers (m. Oct 4/42)
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The girls of Melton

The Reverend and Mrs.
Michael Paul St. Agnan Huntington
announce the marriage of
Miss Mary-Elizabeth Putman
to their son
David Mack Goode Huntington
on Saturday, the third of December
nineteen hundred and fifty-five
Grace Church
Amherst, Massachusetts

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Oct. 12-13 Melton Reds

Junius & Ethel Melton

Of course this leaves out many lovely important words, truths, truths, messages and the like. Both Betsy's years daughters are happily married and there are four grandchildren in the family and Ned on the Vineyard. Paul's Billy is active living in Baltimore and they have 2 boy sisters. Of all the members of the generation following my own Paul and David seems to take the keenest interest in the house and its history. Following his years at the Friends School in Providence Rhode Island he studied Education and got his M.A. at Harvard. At the end of the college years he was appointed to the staff of the Placement Bureau at Harvard. In the Spring of 1955 he brought up for the week end one of his fellow teachers at the Friends School a delightful girl by the name of Mary Elizabeth Putnam — a direct descendant of the famous old Governor Sir William Johnson of Central New York pioneer the days before the Revolution. She seemed to fall in love with Forty Acres and we certainly fell for her both by exercise and I. We were shown then delightful when they [illegible] Soft Lights the engagement was announced and the wedding was a delightful affair decorated with all. Paul officiated and surprised us all by singing Oh Perfect Love without any accompaniment. He did it very well.

Among the items that have been omitted one must be picked up and that is about [illegible] delightful friend Chickens whose portrait adorns many of these pages. As the years went by he became more and more dear to us. Late in 1953 he began to have bad digestive upsets and had to be hospitalized for 3 or 4 days at a time. After one of these trips he seemed quite well as ever but they came more frequently. Early in 1954 Dr. Ryder made a diagnosis of an abdominal tumor which I never could feel but which was probably the case. In June 1954 he had a prolonged attack but Ryder thought he was over it and on a Tuesday when I was away in Ottsfield with the Red Cross [illegible] went to Amherst and got him. Chickens seemed quite himself and as was his custom, raced the car from the maid's to the front door to [illegible] his supper with relish and seemed perfectly well until bed time when all his symptoms, vomiting and dejections, returned and as he seemed to be in pain Genevieve called up Dr. Ryder who advised some pills — he had a quiet night but did not want to move from his basket so Genevieve stayed with him there and went to work. When she returned late in the afternoon he was quiet as she had left him and she found that the back part of his body was paralyzed. She took him at once back to Amherst. Sitting beside her as she drove his reached up and licked her cheek! It was all over in a few minutes and Genevieve brought him home and buried him under the [illegible] outside the kitchen window. He was the most intelligent dog I have ever known.

I must also mention three house parties — two of them here. In June 1953 we had a house party for the boys who grew up together in Hanover — Frederick Chase, Cardinal Richardson & Arthur Ryegler. Ted Bartlett hoped to come but was not feeling up to it when the time came. Paul and Bruce, Laura Lord and Dorothy Richardson joined us for dinner on Sunday. We had a grand time. Frederick Chase not to be outdone had a more remarkable house party the following October at his beautiful home in Milton. Arthur Ryegler, Emily (Emerson) Day, Genevieve and I stayed at Fredericks from Friday until Monday. Preston & Ethel (Myers) Lillard came up from Colorado for days and Gardiner and Dorothy Richardson came up from Woodstock Conn. for Sunday. We had a most marvelous time with old photograph albums and stories of our childhood and early youth. Genevieve was as welcome as if she had grown up in Hanover and loved these old friends of mine and they certainly loved her. Arthur has had several severe bouts of [illegible] circulation but has weathered them all and now at 9 months (Sept 9/56) seems better than he has been for months. I hear from him every few weeks — we correspond regularly. My dear old East Cornwall friend and fine colleague at the Travelers Bunker Bishop dropped dead in the Portland R.R. station early 1955 just a week after we had planned to visit him at his summer place in Maine. A brotherly or fatherly delayed arrival kept him there and at the last moment we went to Cape Cod instead. Late in the Winter of 1954 Bunker had an operation for carcinoma of the [illegible] on the left — it was attempted.

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and with trouble fain he lived on until October. I motored him every week end for dinner usually after a terminal operation to ease his pain. Both of these dear boys often visited Forty acres and are conspicuous in the Frank Peck pictures on pp 103, 4, & 5. I just fully shall never again attend a Travel & Lab meeting. I mentioned our going to the Cape instead of going to Jamaica for rest the Doctor: We motored this day from Ashley & Falmouth the first lap staying at a very nice Tourist's home just outside that village. We went to the Falmouth Hotel for night tiffin and a very average restaurant under the same roof. Helen Hoyt had the chief owner & our host & hostess. We motored via Dennis the next day and we found a delightful motel (plot getting ready for the coming performance of Leonard Key Doctor Bill the Lord and Vida Quick are almost a year ago in the play. I wondered if it was my old friend of the Copley Players in Boston. At the matinee we found that it was the same Vida Quick and Ted Hoke was staying at the very same hotel.

After spending several hours on the wonderful beach (see Galsworthy in Letters on p. 136) we returned to our rooms and I had a delightful call on Vida & she remembered me and we recalled the old days and she suggested to Leon Gordon and the other members of the Company. I ordered a copy of Forty acres. The play was delightful and after the last act we went back stage for a few animated chats with Vida and good bye. Early next morning we went to Provincetown, met Gordon at the station and delivered the costumes we had brought. Then we went to our very pleasant (but a bit primitive) quarters in a very shabby old house in the center of the town in a quiet street — very different from the Provincetown in the area around the playhouse. We found a pleasant place to lunch. In the afternoon we had lots to talk with Hyles & Wells, two old friends & former boys in Amherst he was dutifully interested to hear about our plans for Forty acres. Then we had the Atlantic, lighthouse and others and then went along the beautiful dunes back from the sea — a really marvellous formation — utterly unlike anything I have ever seen, truly one of the wonders of America. I shall never forget the early sunset colors on the receding tide, from the sea house, with the gulls and terns flying low over the sands. We saw Gordon in a minor part in a rather interesting but pointless play and were glad to get to bed early in preparation for an early morning start back home the next morning.

We had started at a queer little place and promptly at 8 were on our way back and reached Forty acres before sunset — a long hard day but we were glad to get home. The next night we went down to Mt. Tom and saw those Gates and the Valley Players — Three Men on a Horse — an excellent performance.

Another chapter that must not be omitted is about our "rooms". Before the College opened in Sept. 1954 we felt that it would be well to have a "rooms" if we could find some one who would be congenial and have just the right rooms and accommodations etc, to the proper authorities at Amherst almost the same day — certainly within 2 or 3 days — at 7 P.M. there was a knock on the door and a Swiss looking chap, some 6 ft 3 or 4 asked if we had a room to rent mentioning Amherst as the source of his information. I showed him into the living room and called Gwendolen and we and my self rejoicing that we won the heaven sent manager of the establishment. While showing us the bedroom I heard Gwendolen almost scream out "a dog!" in a tone of delight. It seems that this gentleman had been going from place to place in Amherst trying to find a room and when he mentioned that he had a dog was immediately shown the door! But dear Gwendolen would have welcomed any one with a dog, eyes and lots of rosy color prevailing pottery! We were delighted happy about it that "Salem Boyden (for that was his name) left at once for Amherst to get his dog and his guest cases and came back with a beautiful beautiful black (blue black) and white setter named Chant (CHANT) we found them both absolutely delightful members of the family. As the year went on and his position at the University became established on a permanent basis he decided to build and bought a place on Buckman's Road not far from where Emily Hill's cabin was

My three
Grandchildren
Gem
Peter
Paul.
Christmas 1955

Louis Boyle and Chert. (see p. 139)

Louis Boyle at Chair.

Here he built a charming house and it was ready or almost ready for him when the term began. We see or hear from him often - but not often enough!

I find that I have left out the Housewarming we had in Oct. 1954

We spent down to Kentucky for Connecticut for a week end party on the day of the Kentucky Derby in 1953 according to Louis's. She was a patient of mine at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital and we became great friends. Her husband is a dentist. But when they lived in Gen dent he had an airport and aviation school just outside Greenfield. I was at Huntington we met Louis Worthington an architect and other delightful people. We were so full of Forty Acres and our problems that they all combined to try to perpetuate this house and we planned for a house party which finally was accomplished in Oct. 1954. They all came up again for the election - just for the day. (see group on p. 136)

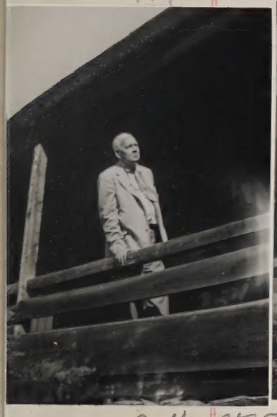
Another chapter must be mentioned. Our trip to Niagara Falls in the late fall of 1952 when we were royally entertained by Fred Bert Lott and his wife. We stopped with my second cousin Prof. Fenn in Oberlin and I showed my slides to a family large and very enthusiastic audience. Another chapter should be included when is passing. Looking ahead on eye to the ultimate future especially if we are not successful in our plans for the future of Forty Acres has been the aim to find a permanent pasture which by all odds is Lucy Rouge. She had very unfortunate beginnings with the Soil Conservation Service Dave Stoddard and Mat the Brophy Eastern Bond Co. Jim the Albers to have found a really suitable and satisfactory [illegible] Walter Howell who has handled all our insurance problems now

(Now is Feb 1956) ⇒

Laura Duffy at Yarmouth June 1955

At J. in Sebago Lake

At the house Hank



On the roof Oct 1955

The Huntington home, Pelham, Mass.

Paula lived in Pelham from June 1, 1948 until Aug. 1956

for the last ten years. It is hard but must be done for my case at really seems to promise much. As Mr. Howell asked her if Lincoln Center in it should presumably be just the sort of place where she would like to be.

I found when I was being separated from the Red Barn in December that I was eligible for Social Security as my work there & I both were reported to be treated like a typist asking for a job. To my utter surprise my case was treated very ably and not only was it granted but I was told that was a thousand dollars in back pay merely would also be mine for the asking. Early in January I received a very handsome check for more than the thousand and I get a bit over $103.00 every month.

Here follow a few daily entries which I cancelled and which Eleanor intended to enter for me as her writing is far much more legible than mine. I plan to make daily or almost daily entries as soon as I finish with the Red Barn. I should note that Eleanor is still carrying on with her Beauty Counselor Clients. We have just had nine mid-March storms of severe snow & rain several inches here but blizzards in most of Southern New England. This last one struck Saturday night April 7th and the snow was several inches deep in the evening - but not deep enough to require plowing. In the afternoon Florence Sanctuary telephoned that they had had 14 inches of snow in Worcester and our program for today would have to be cancelled. I pity the poor birds - a pleasing little song sparrow came to my window sill for crumbs today. A few meadow larks, red wings and grackles are all here. The ground has not been cut in our fields at all as yet and we hope for the best.

March
~~June~~, 1955 My husband decided to auction off all the furniture in the Chaise House and rent it for income. We plan to live in the ell in the 'old house' until the Fall

April Catharine visited then move into Northampton. All the furniture in the old house will be auctioned off in September because we cannot afford to run the estate.

May, 1955 May 26 moved from Chaise House to ell in old house. May 27, Annual Meeting of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Inc., at First Congregational Church in Hadley. Jimmy read into his report the fact that we were dissolv ing the Corporation because of lack of funds. Some of the members present, Mrs. Stephen Brown and Mrs. Minnie Dwight (of the Holyoke Transcript) came to our rescue and

About 200 visitors to ~~40~~ Acres offered to form a committee to help raise the necessary money, which would relieve us of the chore. As we were both holding full-time jobs, we could not longer manage fund-raising, etc.

June, 1955 On the 9th, we moved to 170 South Street, Northampton because the old house was so cold. Jimmy was in Pittsfield with the Red Cross Blood Bank at the time. I

47 visitors moved on Thursday, he came home on Friday and Saturday A M. he was taken ill with a cold that we feel sure was caused by the expsure to the cold of the other house. I, too, developed one at the same time. On the following Wednesday, I took Jimmy to the hospital as his had developed into bronchial pneumonia. He was there one week. I took him over to Forty Acres every day because the weather had turned nice and warm and sunny. He sat outdoors with his bird glasses and recuperated slowly.

July, 1955 Received a notice from the Internal Revenue Bureau that our Income Tax was being audited and they had some questions, so I went down to Holyoke to see Mr. Clifford.

60 visitors He claimed we should not have taken deductions for the Corpration because there was no such authority from Washington, so we got Bill Dwyer, our lawyer and Treasurer, to file an application. On that same day, I attended a business or rather sales meeting of Beauty Counselors, Inc. Very stimulating, Had Florence Richardson for one week's vacation.

August, 1955 Every Tuesday and Saturday we plan to have Florence with us. She loves to work in the garden and is very talented gardener. Good therapy.

35 August Hurricane reason for low figure

~~39~~ visitors 13 Sept

Two hurricanes were cause of low figure

11 visitors October

Oct 12/55 Beautiful Columbus Day! 90 degrees for a change after a week of rain & 80's + made early visit for 40 acres by way of Amherst to P.P.H. Called at Elsa Brauns discussed brochure, the award & other for committee study of contents of 40 Acres - particularly the documents. Opened all "table decorations" & covered most of the rugs & furniture with newspapers at Forty Acres for the winter. Had Coffee with Jane Pierce & discussed some library problems. On return to Northampton found bills from Lts. Rev. Dyfts. stating that P.P.H. is exempt from taxation as to all its gifts. This lifts a load! Bought sunflowers canned through the day after the morning frost.

Oct. 15/55 A tropical storm (a regular 'Hurricane') has lashed the coast and the fading foliage of the maples. The River has risen a little but not up to the grass on the island by the Coolidge Bridge as yet (mountains). Grapevine picked up Florence and we went to look at Cabinets (at Parsons) for the new kitchen. Went on to Forty Acres - found the cellar stairs in already - the roof tarred and the carpenters just practically finished. Measured the West wall of kitchen to find plenty of room for sink and other equipment. On our return Howells came to talk about our insurance. Had a good lunch and satisfactory talk - he certainly is a good friend of Forty Acres.

Oct. 17/55 Went to Forty Acres early - saw the water only a foot up on the island at the Bridge. Found no sign of water on our lower fields. Found the stairs to the cellar all finished. After Church we listened to the Radio telling of the terrific damage in Connecticut due to the flood and the rain totals continue. Ray & Esther came to dinner and we talked - yes Bulldogs!, Northampton radio report tonight on damage & no damage."

Sunday Oct 28/56

at 7.30 P.M. Becky reported a new luminous floating Christ! Will announce! Progress at Forty Acres goes on apace. Roofing with the splendid shingles of extra S.P.H. mix by Charles Bird is well started! Cellar stairs completed and painting inside and out well on its way. We really have hopes of being back at Forty Acres in a couple of weeks – plumbing, Catchetts & Electricity only remain to be completed. Florence Richardson (who incidentally is much better than I have ever known her – that is more usual) can be ordered out of the State by the doctors next Saturday when it has been planned for. She has been working many hours putting the garden to bed for the winter, planting tulips & peonies – make etc.

We are getting quite excited about Dr Wells wedding in December, it will be up here in Amherst as previously noted, and he must be very fond of the family as the oldest range to be on hand for the occasion. Hopkins Betty Sexton (because of her professional engagements) may not be able to come on Saturday (the best day for everyone else) as her friend day.

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It should be noted that we moved to Northampton early in June. As the summer activities mulcted of most that we really needed to be on the place and finding ourselves the kitchen all for the afternoon we hit upon the plan of taking the two kids (Nat & Brown and the laundry up from 40 Acres – in return we would supply them with lunch and take care of the grounds, to our surprise they were delighted. Especially at the idea of having an hour as 'neighbors'. We made plans to close the door leading from the kitchen to the laundry – this is to our kitchen, putting on laundry things down in the basement. Turning the South window in the kitchen into a door leading out to the back porch and closing that door way in the laundry out to said porch. Besides this we had to have stairs leading to the basement. We found that these could be put in under the stairs leading to our old bedroom. We bolted the door (on both sides) leading from our two rooms upstairs to our apartment. The next step in our evolution was only from the kitchen out in the old house but over the whole front & back and over the east side of the house. It occurred to me that my old friend Phil Allen being a big & useful member of the Bird Wrangle Company might get a job as a diversion in the nursery shipping. He was only too delighted for 'retired' to be of any assistance but I sensed a personal appeal to Charlie Bird (Mean & Rotten Will as a fuller Tavernier and Brewer of his hour entered in Emotional affairs) direct telling him of our need. I received a warm reply saying that he would give us gladly all the shingles we needed for the job. So early in September O'Connor started work. The weather was not entirely favorable so we actually did not move back until early November and even then the kitchen was not sufficiently done for us to cook here until well into the months. But when done the kitchen with its pictures window looking past towards the Hatfield spire, the modern sinks under the window, the roomy cabinets and the handsome black counter from sinks nearly to the next little store, makes a perfect layout. I even succeeded in finding a nice table across from chairs which we painted black. We have room really for only 3 chairs so we keep the other in reserve. We found it very livable. One of our tenants Parker Perry comes from Dedham and is a cousin of Lewis Perry's also of the Walworth Gardners & Beatrice Story's family & the parents came up for the auction and have been up several times since. We have a 'party' almost every time they come! They actually are delightful people. We had our Christmas dinner with Rachel and Marie. Shortly after this Mrs Gardner was taken seriously ill with a heart condition and spent several weeks in the Hospital. She previously had been found to have serious kidney trouble so it settled the question of their further stay in Dedham now in late April while she is able to be up part of the day she is very feeble. They plan to sell the house as soon as they get a good offer and go to live with Dr sister in Richmond Va. in September. If they sell before then they will probably spend the summer here at Forty Acres and they plan to come North to stay with us every summer. Late April is drawing to a close – it has been bitterly cold since storm after storm. Last night April 25 the thermometer dropped to 23 and only reached the lower 50's a bright almost cloudless day, (Temperatures on p. 161)

Local Historical Society's Annual Meeting March 15

Theodore Sizer, leading authority on Col. John Trumbull, will be the speaker at the Northampton Historical Society's annual dinner meeting next Thursday at the Hotel Northampton.

Honoring the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Revolutionary patriot-artist's birth, Mr. Sizer will illustrate the talk on Trumbull with color slides of his work.

Professor of the history of art, the speaker has been a member of the Yale faculty since 1927. During World War II he served in Air Force intelligence and was a member of the monuments, fine arts and archives section of the military government. For his work in protecting and salvaging art masterpieces overseas, he received the Corona d'Italia with the rank of commendatore. He has also served as the director of the Yale Art Gallery.

At the dinner, a special award will be made to Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley on behalf of the American Assn. for State and Local History. The award was voted at the September meeting of the association in Williamsburg, Va., and the Northampton Historical Society was selected to make the presentation.

The citation reads in part, that the award is made to Dr. Huntington "for his intelligent and courageous battle to save intact the house, grounds, furnishings and manuscripts of the 200-year-old Porter - Phelps - Huntington house."

The many local people who know something of Dr. Huntington's efforts to preserve this house are expected to attend the dinner. The officers of the society have announced that this is an open meeting open to all interested. Reservations may be made with Mrs. T. M. Shepherd, 66 Bridge St.

Dr. Receives Award for Preserving Hadley Home

Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley will receive a certificate of award from the American Association of State and Local History at the annual dinner meeting this evening (Thursday) of the Northampton Historical Society in the Hotel Northampton.

Oliver Larkin of Smith College, president of the historical society, and an authority on colonial history, will make the presentation.

Dr. Huntington is being honored for his unflagging efforts over almost 30 years to restore and preserve for posterity his ancestral home, the 234-year-old Porter-Phelps-Huntington mansion on River Drive, Hadley.

Unique in this area for having remained in the same family since it was erected in 1722, and for its 18th century original furnishings, the Porter - Phelps - Huntington mainsion also houses an extensive collection of old family portraits, manuscripts, and mementoes.

Dr. Huntington has sustained the venerable gambrel - roofed structure not only through damage done by ordinary weathering, but through ravages made by the floods and hurricanes that have visited New England in recent years.

Savior Of 'Forty Acres' Given Standing Ovation

At its annual dinner meeting last night, the Northampton Historical Society heard a vivid talk on John Trumbull by Prof. Theodore Sizer and saw a national award bestowed upon Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley.

More than 100 members of the society gathered in the main ballroom of Hotel Northampton gave a standing ovation to Dr. Huntington as he received the award from Oliver W. Larkin, president of the local society, who made the presentation on behalf of the American Assn. for State and Local History.

In acknowledging the award, Dr. Huntington emphasized the unchanged character of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house, Forty Acres, which he is fighting to have preserved.

Built by Capt. Moses Porter in 1752, no structural additions have been made since 1799. The furniture, utensils and manuscripts in the home have been gathered or restored but are the original articles. The house should be preserved so that the 10,000 college students in the area could see "history as it was, not as we might like it, or as it might have been."

President Larkin introduced Mr. Sizer, professor of the history of art at Yale University and the author of articles and books on the subject, as a man who knows more about Col. John Trumbull than Trumbull did himself.

In his opening remarks Prof. Sizer emphasized two facts which influenced all of Trumbull's career. The first was that he was "very well born" as the son of the governor of Connecticut, of which he was very proud, and the second, that the artist was blind in one eye, which resulted in "monocular" vision.

As a result of this defect, his work in small paintings is much superior to that of large paintings although it is by the large paintings, especially those in the Capitol at Washington, that Trumbull is best known.

As a young man barely out of Harvard, he had the opportunity of serving on George Washington's staff because his artistic talent enabled him to draw accurate maps. Wars being different in those days, Trumbull was able without loss of honor to withdraw from the American Revolutionary Army and go to study painting in London three years before the war was over.

He returned to become the leading painter of the important men of the Revolutionary period, and in the accuracy which he gave to details of uniform and equipment an outstanding documentary recorder of the Revolution.

Efforts to Save Historic Home Cited by Society

Northampton March 15 — Approximately 90 members and friends of the Northampton Historical Society attended the annual dinner meeting of the group tonight in Hotel Northampton highlighted by presentation of a citation to Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley on behalf of the American Association for State and Local History.

Northampton Historical Society was selected to make the presentation to Dr. Huntington and the citation read in part that the award is made "for his intelligent and courageous battle to save intact the house, grounds, furnishings and manuscripts of the 200-year-old Porter-Phelps-Huntington house."

The meeting also featured an illustrated talk by Theodore Sizer, professor of the history of art at Yale University, on Col. John Trumbull, Revolutionary patriot-artist. The talk, which was illustrated with colored slides of Trumbull's work, was in honor of the 200th anniversary of his birth.

After, receiving the award, Dr. Huntington gave a brief history of the ancient house, and expressed the hope it may be made available for visitors throughout the entire year.

Dr. Huntington pointed out that America has developed a "weekend leisure class," which has seen almost 48 million people visit historic sites throughout the country during a single year. He gave Cooperstown, N. Y., as an illustration of a town that has only 3000 inhabitants but which annually nets a million dollars on visitor trade. Cooperstown is the site of baseball's Hall of Fame.

The Phelps-Porter-Huntington house was built by Moses Porter in 1752 several years before the famous Hadley military man was killed in the French and Indian War. Charles Phelps is the only architect the house has known, and after he added two downstairs rooms, there were no more structural changes made.

Dr. Huntington listed the several historic furnishings and antiques which make the house a tourist attraction. He stressed that much more can and will be added to interest the 10,000 college students who are studying within a nine mile radius of the house. This, he said, is the solemn duty and goal of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington foundation.

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Dr. Huntington Honored

Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley, right, received a special award for his battle to save the 200-year-old Porter-Phelps-Huntington house in Hadley at the annual meeting of the Northampton Historical Society in Hotel Northampton last night. The award was voted by the American Association for State and Local History and the local society was selected to make the presentatibn. Oliver W. Larkin, professor of art at Smith College, makes the presentation. In the center is Theodore Sizer, Yale College art profsssor and keynote speaker at the dinner-meeting.

A Kinsman photo of Genevieve

Sept. 1940

Courtesy of Virginia Fellows by the way of Roberts
Photo of just the night with the Fellows
At Mapa Fellows and Mrs [illegible] Bartlett

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Massachusetts Valley Is Rich in Colonial Lore

SMITHS FERRY, MASS.

Probably no region in the United States boasts as many historical sites and homes open to the visiting public as does western Massachusett's Pioneer Valley.

In almost every one of the sixty-nine cities and towns comprising this 2500-square-mile vacation land—cut by the Connecticut River—the traveler can find, in every season of the year, old homes of historic interest through which he can prowl to his heart's delight—recapturing some of the spirit of the past which made Pioneer Valley the great industrial center it is in the present day.

Pioneer Valley's score of museums—including Springfield's Small Arms Museum at the Springfield Armory, one of the first in the nation—contain relics which bespeak the ingenuity and craftmanship of the early settlers. And individual homes—like the Huntington Homestead in Hadley—contain furnishings and items used by our ancestors and untouched these many years.

Pioneer Valley's claim to antiquity does not start with the early homes of Indian-fighting settler, for millions of years ago there was life in the valley and proof exists of this life. Embedded in the rock formations along the banks of the Connecticut River one can find footprints and tail prints of the great dinosaurs which once roamed the land. And there is even one enterprising geologist who has a small "Dinosaur Mine," where careful separation of layers of rock continuously reveals new prints. These are sold to the public—and prices vary from $15 up for larger specimens.

Two restored villages—Storrowton in West Springfield and Old Deerfield, just south of Greenfield—give an accurate picture of the homes our ancestors lived in, the exact manner in which they lived, and their recreational pursuits.

Colonial-garbed hostesses are on hand at Storrowton to point out the highlights of architecture and furnishings in the structures which surround the broad, elm-shaded green around which this restored village was constructed after painstaking search throughout the earliest settled regions of New England for the buildings.

Once found, each building was taken down board by board, brick by brick, and nail by nail and then reassembled at Storrowton to the last minute detail as they were first erected more than a century and a half ago.

Dominated by the Salisbury Meeting House, raised by a low terrace from the level of the green, Storrowton includes three old-time dwellings, each bearing the name of the man who built it so long ago.

Built in 1767

There is the lovely gambrel-roofed Phillips House, the oldest of the village restorations, built in 1767 in Taunton, Massachusetts; the Gilbert Homestead, once a farm house in the Massachusetts town of West Brookfield; and the Potter Mansion, built entirely by his own hands by Captain John Potter of North Brookfield, a soldier of the American revolution.

Highlighting the way of life of old New England is the Atkinson Tavern from the hill town of Prescott, Mass., where travelers broke their slow and wearisome stagecoach journeys for food and rest. (The village of Prescott now lies submerged beneath the great Quabbin Reservoir in Pioneer Valley.)

The little Red School House where children from Whately, Mass., learned their reading, writing and arithmetic for more than 100 years, offers mute evidence of the values placed on education by the early settlers of Pioneer Valley who set about building schools and churches immediately upon the completion of their homes.

Alongside the school house is the blacksmith shop from Chesterfield, N. H., also a primary necessity for early living in New England. The great Stagecoach Barn in which the coaches once put up over night on the journey from Boston to Albany, came from Greenwich, Mass., not only to round out the picture of early New England but to provide a setting for the square dancing for which the village is famous.

Completing the buildings at Storrowton are the Town House and the tiny Lawyer's Office—each with a fascinating history.

Visitors will also want to see the Herb Garden where more than one hundred herbs, used by early housewives for medicines and seasonings, are still grown.

Kenmore Proof of Heredity in the then!!

Have 'Say So'

(All communications for this column must be signed by the writers, but not necessarily for publication. Give street address and telephone number. No attention is paid to anonymous communications.)

Believes Spire Is Christopher Wren

Hadley, March 13, 1955.

To the Editor
Daily Hampshire Gazette
Northampton, Mass.
Dear Sir:

Hadley, and that includes the beautiful bird perched on top of the church steeple, certainly has plenty to crow about. Especially are we proud of our athletes and musicians of the rising generation.

Cheers for the public acclaim given Donna Klimoski and Curtis Hahn.

Anyone of us familiar with the deluxe markets on Charles St. and Boyiston St. in Boston swells with pride when each spring, the blackboard signs before three emporiums display the sign "Hadley Asparagus," to be followed a couple of months later with "Hadley Onions."

But dear "Hadleyite," what of this Jenny Lind spire of the church? That spire was built 12 years before Jenny saw the light of day in her native Sweden. Call it the Christopher Wren spire if you wish, for the building committee of which Charles Phelps was chairman in all probability built the church from drawings and specifications to be found in the Architectural Atlases of that date. The one compiled by the firm of which Sir Christopher Wren was the head, seems the most likely one used.

Very truly yours,
James Lincoln Huntington, M.D.

Rev. Thomas Hickson of St. Mary's Church, Northampton, will give the sermon at the Wednesday evening Mass in St. John's Church at 7:30.

Mrs. Grover Sherwood of Hockanum Rd. reports seeing a flock of eight robins on her lawn and next door Mrs. Albert Melillo

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"FORTY ACRES"

The old house stands back from the road under its majestic trees, just as it stood in 1799. The building on the extreme left is a restoration, built along the original lines with much of the original material.

RARE PIECE

— LEFT —

The northeast bedroom on the lower floor is dominated by a "field bed", bought by Charles Phelps in the early 1800's.

FAMILY REUNION

Among the old photos and tintypes in the home is this one of the Huntington family reunion at Forty Acres . . . . September 4, 1883.

The Story of the

PORTER-PHELPS-HUNTINGTON HOUSE

A band of English pioneers in 1659, following the lordly Connecticut upstream in search of fertile lands, paused when they reached a place where the river seems to linger and embrace the Hadley intervale, before it breaks through between Mounts Tom and Holyoke and flows to the sea. The Porter-Phelps-Huntington House on this spot was built in 1752. Known as the "Bishop Huntington House", it was added to, altered and enriched until 1799, since when there has been no structural changes. There has never been a division of the contents of the house. The large collection of family papers, with the signatures of original settlers in Hampshire County, goes back to 1697. The household articles include pieces brought to Dorchester from England in 1631 and contributions from every generation for the next 175 years. Within the past year an effort has been made to arouse enough interest to establish this remarkable house, with its contents, as an Institute of Colonial History. Situated as it is, only a few miles from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Smith and Mount Holyoke colleges, its value for teaching purposes cannot be over-estimated. Since 1865, the home has only been lived in during the warm season, for it was heated only by open fireplaces. This year, for the first time, this lovely house will be open to the public on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Special parties may be taken through by making off-time arrangements. A descendant, Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, has written and had published a unique and fascinating book about this lovely sample of early Americana, the pages of which are embellished with unusual photos by the American artist Samuel Chamberlain, some of which are reproduced on this page.

SCENE, FROM THE SOUTH

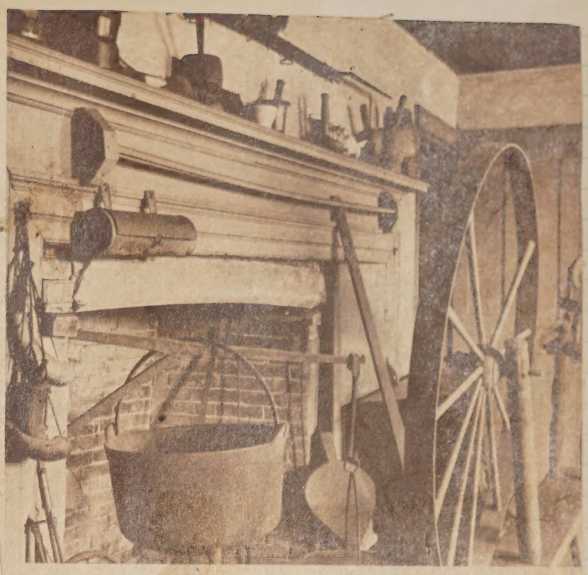
In the foreground is the sunken garden, formerly the cellar hole of the old barn. This was built in 1782, and removed to its village site behind the church and town hall in 1929.

Genealogical Society Hears Lecture Today

Feb. 7 1951

An illustrated lecture on "Forty Acres," one of the best-preserved ancient houses of the Connecticut Valley, in Hadley, will be given by Dr. James Lincoln Huntington at the annual meeting of the New England Historic Genealogical Society at 9 Ashburton place this afternoon. Kkown generally as the Bishop Huntington house after the name f the speaker's ancestor's the structure has been memorialized by Dr. Huntington and Samuel Chamberlain in a regional book.

"Forty Acres" was built in 1752 by a hero of the French and Indian wars and has had no structural changes since 799. Bishop F. D. Huntington, a beloved prelate, made it his summer home for 50 years.



UNCHANGED

This is the original kitchen fireplace built in 1752 and used until 1771.

SOUTHERN INNOVATION

This covered veranda has been called "the stoop" for the last 150 years. Just where Squire Phelps got the idea of this typical Southern adjunct to a plantation house is a mystery for it is known he never went out of New England. Seats against the walls are where the farm hands sat at mealtime.

LIVING ROOM

The "Long Room" contains a wealth of antiques. The chairs were all owned by the Hon. Samuel Porter and date from about 1700.

COLLECTOR'S DELIGHT

The china cupboard in the dining room holds many family treasures. The cellarette rests on a black and gold-painted tray. The top shelf has a lustre pitcher and bowls. The middle shelves contain a Lowestoft set bought by Squire Phelps.

198 YEARS OLD

Unchanged since 1752, this is a view of the only room in the house, beyond any doubt, that goes back to the time of the erection of the original structure. It contains wide whitewashed boards, simple bed with the trundle bed underneath, washstand with Canton china pitcher and bowl.

"Hanover Boys Reunion" June 7 1953 "U.S."

Frederick Close, Dorothy (Hutchins) Smith, Edith, Emma (Close) Seiler, Gardner Richardson, Mr. Close, Governor + Arthur Driggs.

A.H.S. Jr.H. + Dorothy R.C.

June 7 just before Arthur left with his niece Charlotte for Deerfield.

Governor, Secretary Seaton, author, Charlotte Eaton, Dorothy Lincoln, Gardner T. Jr. H.

ELD, MASS., THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1955

Drive Begun to Preserve Famous Huntington House

Northampton, June 22—Tentative plans for broadening the base of membership of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Inc., of Hadley, drafted here today at a meeting of the special committee named to preserve the historical landmark.

A campaign for new members of the association will be launched this summer and other steps taken to create greater interest in the home that was the birthplace of the late Bishop Huntington.

Mrs. Elsa Brown of Amherst was elected permanent chairman of the special preservation committee, Mrs. Olive Dodge of Northampton was elected secretary and William E. Dwyer, Northampton attorney, treasurer.

Other members of the committee are: Mrs. Minnie Dwight, publisher of the Holyoke Transcript; Edwin M. Podlak, Hadley attorney; Miss Barbara Sheehan of the Pioneer Valley Association; Rev. Archie Torrey, Athol Episcopal clergyman and member of the Society of Catholic Commonwealth, and John M. Gordon, Northampton newspaperman.

Miss Sheehan will head a group which will prepare better marking of the route to the Huntington home and Mrs. Dwight and Gordon were appointed to draft a new brochure to be distributed nationally outlining the historical features of the house and contents.

A number of innovations are planned to draw attention throughout the country to the home that dates back to colonial days in an effort to prevent closing of the house to the public which was threatened by a lack of funds.

Colonial Treasure Heads for Auction Block

The Connecticut Valley faces the loss of an historic treasure the first of September when the furnishings of the Bishop Huntington House at Forty Acres on River Rd., Hadley, are to be auctioned off. The colonial mansion has been open to visitors at a nominal fee but the sponsoring association is meeting Friday to dissolve. The gambrel-roof features and the Deerfield blinds that were hung in 1799 mark the house, as does the elm tree on the lawn which was planted in 1752.

Two tired people, who have ...rally stretched a one-year re...ieve to two years and more, ...o have struggled for six years ...d spent of their time and finan...l means to preserve a link ...th the days of the Massachu...tts Bay Colony, are on the brink ... surrender to apparent modern ...sinterest in the base on which ...is state and nation was built. They are Dr. and Mrs. James ...ncoln Huntington who, on Sept. ...1, unless unforeseen aid comes to pass, will close forever the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house for lack of interest in and funds for continued operation of the 21-room mansion dating back to 1752 as an historical shrine.

More tragic, perhaps, than the closing of the home to the public, is the necessity for disposing of the treasure of irreplacable and priceless heirlooms dating back to the earliest days of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and the loss forever of a complete document of the halcyon days of the 18th century, under one roof.

The history and the sight of the Bishop Huntington house are familiar possibly, to thousands, but only a relative few who read "Forty Acres" by Dr. Huntington or who have toured the home are aware of the historical lore and treasures of the interior. Antiques of the only-one-of-its-kind-in-America type fill the rooms, each with a safely-kept document of authenticity. Trundle beds and spinning wheels, spool beds and storage chests, horsehair trunks and pewter ware, historic portraits and papers, old costume and cradles and clocks are arrayed throughout the mansion in a fantastic display of the way of life of the early settlers.

House Not to Be Sold

All will go under the auctioneer's hammer about Sept. 1 in what may be the most fabulous sale of Americana ever conducted on one spot.

The 200 year-old house will stand, but empty, through the re... of Constant Huntington, 7... year-old London publisher, to permit the sale of the ancestral home, although he has approved the auction of the furnishings. All efforts to interest national foundations or wealthy philanthropists in the historic home have failed and the hope of a private Porter-Phelps-Huntington House Association with an endowment from membership fees to carry on has died. The incorporators of the association will meet in th... First Congregational Church in Hadley May 27, to close the books and dissolve. Furnishings of the cottage, built as an addition to the main home and known for generations as the "Chaise House," will be sold at auction June 4.

Two years ago this month, the association voted to struggle against mounting costs and dwindling returns for only another year but the year stretched to two and will go on a few more months, largely due to the perseverance and determination of Dr. and Mrs. Huntington.

Open Until Sept. 1

The Bishop Huntington house will remain open to visitors until Sept. 1.

The place and its contents can be preserved for the future and both Dr. and Mrs. Huntington are still willing to give of their time and energy, but money is needed, probably a $200,000 endowment fund, interest of which would make possible necessary repairs and keep the historical shrine open.

Perhaps this is not the age to appeal for preservation or try to buck the tide of modern living in behalf of a museum of the past. Educators of Smith, Mount Holyoke and Amherst Colleges, Harvard University and the University of Massachusetts have all termed the Bishop Huntington House and its contents an unmatchable "textbook" for the study of colonial history but those with the means to endow the place as an institute of colonial history have looked the other way.

A rare monument to Colonial New England will go out of existence Sept. 1 when the Bishop Huntington House in Hadley will close because of public disinterest. The picture at left shows the rear stoop of the house. Door to the chamber at left is permanently closed. The original kitchen fireplace, built in 1752, is pictured at right. Incorporators of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House Association will meet in the First Congregational Church, Hadley, Friday to close the books and dissolve. (Story and other picture on Page ...)

56 Pints of Blood Collected in First 2½ Hours

Drive Continues Tomorrow; Supervisor in Last Visit

Off to a moderate start, with 56 pints of blood collected in the first 2½ hours, the Red Cross blood donation at the Masonic temple had a fair chance of reaching its day's quota of 135 pints.

Continues Tomorrow

The donation will continue tomorrow, with the same quota, 135 pints.

The present two-day collection marks the final North Adams visit of Dr. James L. Huntington as supervisor of the Western Massachusetts bloodmobile unit. Dr. Huntington will retire from bloodmobile work next Friday. The retirement follows the Red Cross decision to continue the blood collection work with volunteer doctors as part-time supervisors.

The collection started at 10.15 this morning, with Miss Mary MacArthur of 1051 Massachusetts avenue as the first donor. Miss MacArthur gave her eighth pint of blood for the Red Cross program and was awarded a Gallon club pin. The next four donors were Master Sgt. Richard C. Innis of the local Army recruiting station, Lafayette H. Sprague, Jr., of 11 Foucher avenue, John R. Mulvaney of Carson avenue, Clarksburg, and William A. McKane of 521 West Main street.

William J. Stackpole and Lawrence J. Belouin, co-chairmen of the Red Cross blood service committee, stressing the need for blood at local hospitals and at Veterans administration hospitals as well, urge those who have appointments to keep the appointments, and they also request walk-in donors to contribute.

Persons who wish transportation to the blood center may obtain it by calling 3-3046 or 4-9032. The donation hours tomorrow are 10.15 to 4.15.

Presented Orchid

Marking his retirement, local Red Cross workers presented Dr. Huntington an orchid this morning. The doctor will supervise several bloodmobile visits in the Western Massachusetts area next week, concluding with a visit to the Chester town hall next Friday.

He has been doing bloodmobile work since the fall of 1951, and since February, 1952, has been the full time supervisor of the unit. He was graduated from Harvard Medical school in 1907, and practiced for 33 years in Boston, including 25 years as head obstetrician at Mount Auburn hospital. He estimated today that in his private practice he has delivered about 4,000 babies, and an undetermined number as obstetrician of the hospital.

After leaving Boston, he continued to practice at Amherst and Northampton, while making his home at his family's estate "Forty Acres," in Hadley. He discontinued private practice when he started as supervisor of the bloodmobile unit.

Leaving the bloodmobile work, he will devote his time to his work as curator of his family estate. The property in Hadley is one of the historic showplaces of New England.

The main house on the estate was built in 1752 by Dr. Huntington's great-great-great-grandfather, Capt. Moses L. Porter, and the house and its furnishings have been unchanged since 1799. The estate is open to visitors during the summer.

Junior Red Cross

The start of the bloodmobile visit marked the local Junior Red Cross's first full-scale participation in the work of the blood donation. At previous visits, a few Junior Red Cross members have helped with clerical work and motor corps work, but today a group of 10 was present. They aided setting up tables and other preparatory work, and during the donation hours helped with the telephones and handing out donor's lapel pins and decals to be pasted on car windows.

The decals, carrying a drawing of a large drop of blood, are being distributed for the first time locally.

The Junior Red Cross members are able to be present because of the school vacation this week. Stephen A. Boisvert, Jr., chairman of the North Adams Red Cross chapter, also was present to direct the Junior Red Cross workers. He usually is not able to attend the donations because he is a teacher at Drury high school.

The 10 Junior Red Cross members aiding are Kenneth Andrews, Robert Battory, Joan Malnati, Mariann Coughlin, Judith Gooch, Lucy Simonelli, Carol Healey, Nancy Rosston, Harriet Nelson and Patricia Mahoney.

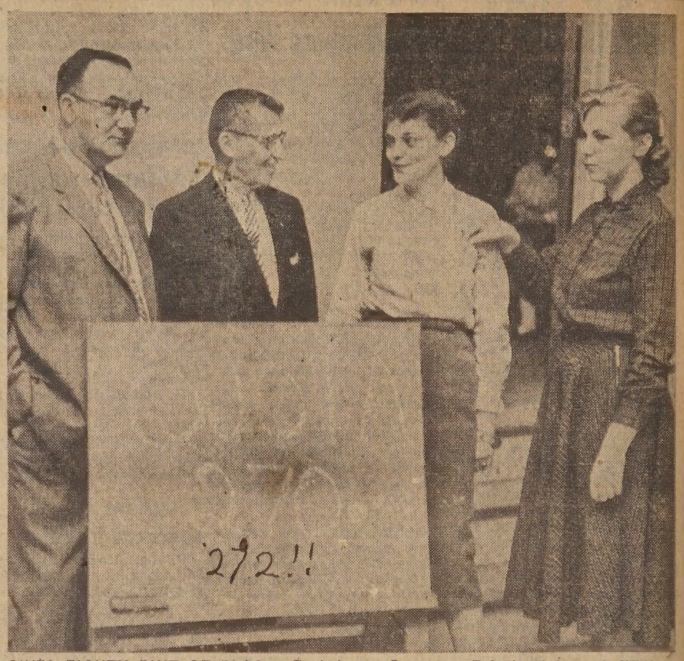
The other workers at the blood center include: Registrars, Miss Ruth Hamblen, Mrs. Warren Bateman, Mrs. James Fullerton, Mrs. Douglas Spink and Mrs. John Simmons; typists, Mrs. James Bunce, Mrs. Hugo DeFalco, Mrs. Norman Schulze, Mrs. Harold Brafman and Mrs. Neal Welch; nurses' aides, Mrs. Matilda Davine, Mrs. Frank Bond, Mrs. Jay Woolman, Mrs. Russell Costine, Mrs. Harold Allen, Mrs. Alan McKane, Mrs. Reginald White and Mrs. John Reed.

Canteen Unit

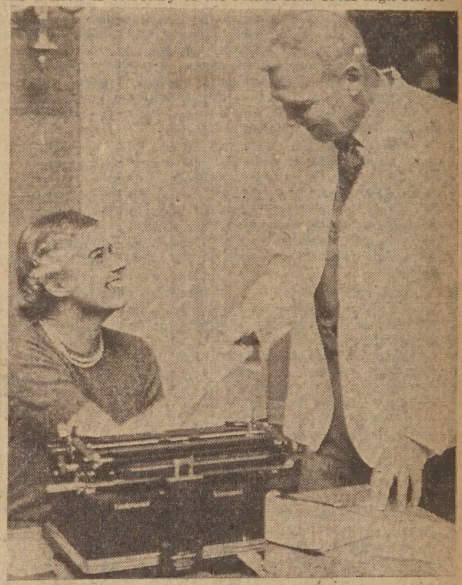
Canteen unit, Mrs. Edward Jaffrey, Mrs. Cora Neville, Mrs. Leo Niebur, Mrs. Albert Fuller, Mrs. J. J. Modlinger, Mrs. L. C. Winship, Mrs. Joseph Soulia, Mrs. E. A. Caldwell, Mrs. H. H. Peck, Mrs. V. C. Marchese, Mrs. Russell Baker, Mrs. A. G. Eldridge, Mrs. W. H. Sperry and Mrs. William J. Davis.

Motor corps, Mrs. William G. Heeks, Mrs. Charles N. Benoit, Mrs. Irving Selsby, Mrs. Charles Canedy, Mrs. Robert Costine, Mrs. Lester Carlow, Miss Barbara Nissen, and Miss Hulda Hardman.

Bloodmobile medical unit, Dr. Huntington, Mrs. Florence Sanctuary, Miss Ann Nelson, Mrs. Rita Prew, Miss Bernardette Roach, Miss Ida Atwood, Miss Bertha Kukulski, Richard Eaton, and J. Stewart Mollison; and local registered nurses, Mrs. Thomas Mahoney, Mrs. William MacArthur and Miss Venice Partenope.



GIVES EIGHTH PINT OF BLOOD—Co-chairmen Lawrence Belouin, left, and William Stackpole look on as Mary MacArthur, today's first blood donor at the Masonic temple, is presented a one-gallon pin by Harriet Nelson of 26 Marion avenue, right. Miss MacArthur today gave her eighth pint. Miss Nelson is secretary of the Junior Red Cross high school council.



LAST VISIT HERE—Mrs. John A. Simmons, registrar for today's visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile at the Masonic temple, shakes hands with Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley who is in charge of the unit and who will retire a week from tomorrow and thus is making his last bloodmobile visit to North Adams.

HISTORIC HOUSE

Of interest to students of Americana is the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House now open to the public at Hadley, Mass. Known as Forty Acres, the mansion has been continuously occupied by some member of the family since it was constructed in 1752. It has seen no structural changes since 1799 when the original owner's son-in-law made final improvements. Today's curator and guide is Dr. James L. Huntington, a direct descendant of the mansion's builder, Capt. Moses Porter. The dwelling is on the Connecticut River on Route 47, a mile north of Route 9 between Amherst and Northampton.

From all the Blood Bank volunteers of the Springfield Chapter.

Will miss you!

With my fondest Stein.

best wishes from
Florence E. Sanctuary
Ann M Nelson
"Portie"
Stewart
Rita
Drake
Jennie Roach
Ida
Poppy Nelson
Fred Oliver
Lillian
Norman

Farewell Red Cross Party
TOTOS Holy the May

This was the gift wrapper
See photograph on p. 154

Roses are red, violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet, and so are you -
So here's to you, doctor, here's to you -

When first you joined us in fifty-two -
We knew you would be true blue -
Altho' you came from Beacon street -
Where the Cabots and the Lodges meet -
You walked about with stately air -
Crowned with careless shock of hair -
Your style was something to behold -
In natty vests bottoned in gold -
Your stature is a thing of joy -
You surely are a growing boy -
With appetite for food and drink
A thing to make us stop and think,
And wonder where you put it all
But here, I state, 'twas not with gleam
That oysters and tripe Rita did see -
In time she tried to reconcile,
And look at oysters with a smile.
At time when on, you did exalt
your duties ~~you performed~~ so well,
~~[illegible]~~ -
Charming all the volunteers -
Treating them like little dears -

And the chapter secretaries -
You made them think they were the berries,
And all in all, your fame it grew -
Till all acclaimed with cry and hue -
"Good morning doctor, how are you"
We're very glad to have you here -
Yours and your unit we cheer.

Thousands of donors over the years -
Even those who were in tears -
Came to know that you were swell
At taking care of them so well.

But they were not as lucky as we -
They saw and knew you just briefly -
And Unit seven traveling afar
Learned how swell you really are -
Thanks for everything, doctor dear -
We'll miss you when we're far or near -
Grandmama, no more we'll hear
But we'll remember - never fear -
And as for the Ballad of Chamber Street -
Perhaps someday again we'll meet -
And hear this great narrative poem -
Born near your medical home -
Now here we are in fifty six -
Your leaving for the Hadley sticks.
We say to you a fond adieu -
We always will remember you -
And as we ride o'er hill and dale
Perhaps some day we can prevail
Upon you, once more to join our crew,
And please, bring your three - sisters
with you.

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HADLEY

Fond Memories At Farm Museum's 25th Anniversary

By CONSTANCE HIGGINS

HADLEY — Many memories were evoked at the Farm Museum when Hope Grange sponsored a celebration of the 25th anniversary of its dedication. Memories there were of rides in old-time buggies and sleighs, or grandma churning butter in the back kitchen, or grandpa pitching hay into an old cart. Several hundred people took advantage of the opportunity to see the many historic items that were commonplace 50 and 100 or more years ago.

Special guests on the occasion were a group of foreign students from the University of Massachusetts. One young man from Chile was overheard saying, "In my country they are still using many of these things. Here you put them in a museum."

The program in First Church was opened by the lecturer, Mrs. Oscar Johnson, of Hope Grange, who welcomed guests and then gave a very moving tribute to the late Mrs. Clifton Johnson. Mrs. Johnson, mother of Roger Johnson who is the museum owner, was the best-loved and most widely known Hadley citizen of her time and the events of the evening were dedicated to her memory.

Dr. James Lincoln Huntington of Forty Acres is, without a doubt at present, the foremost authority on Hadley history. He gave his audience fascinating glimpses of town and family life from the beginning of Hadley in 1659. Included in his talk were many stories of the large barn on his place. When the late Clifton Johnson and his brother, Henry, decided to build a farm museum to house their growing collection of antiques, they asked Dr. Huntington if they might copy his barn. Overnight the decision was made to offer the building itself, if it could be moved. The Johnson brothers then made Hadley history when they had a contractor carefully put the barn on beams, then rollers and pulled down the road by tractor.

A double quartette of charming young ladies, looking as if they had stepped from a picture album of the 1800s, then delighted the audience with "The Harvesters," "The Old Oaken Bucket" with flute accompaniment, and "Wait for the Wagon." This group, "The Hadley Upper Mills Female Social Choir," was directed by Miss Ruth Scott and the flute was played by Miss Carol Duffy.

Mrs. Olive Comins Hubbard of Sunderland, formerly of North Hadley, had a most unusual display of antique articles for the home which were all made of wood. She gave an interesting account of their acquisition over a period of years and described their use. She then introduced a surprise speaker, her brother-in-law, Allister MacDougall of Westford. Some years ago, Mr. MacDougall lived in Hadley and was an Extension agent in this area. He was associated with Mrs. Clifton Johnson in this work and brought many reminiscences of that time. He and his wife, the former Edna Comins, drove a hundred miles to be present.

Mrs. Lee Higgins then told of Mrs. Grover Sherwood, great friend of Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Sherwood, who was ill and unable to be present, was the leading inspiration behind the program and responsible for many of its features, including the unique refreshments. These were old-fashioned cookies, molasses, sugar and caraway seed, and the drink, haymaker's switchel. This was received with varying degrees of enthusiasm, but proved to be quite a conversation piece. The delightful evening was brought to a close with another selection by the Social Choir. "The Hadley Song" was written for the celebration in 1909, words by Julia Taft Bayne, daughter of a former minister, and the music by Clifton Johnson.

Memorial Day Observance Set At 'Forty Acres'

Northampton, May 10—Plans for a Memorial Day observance at "Forty Acres," Hadley birthplace of Bishop Dan Huntington who consecrated St. John's Episcopal Church in 1893, commemorating the 76th anniversary of Rev. Huntington's ordination to the priesthood, have been announced by St. John's Church.

Celebration will begin on May 29 with supper at Grace Church, Amherst, followed by solemn vespers and talks on Rev. Huntington as a social prophet, pioneer urban priest and founder of the Order of the Holy Cross, first monastic community of American origin. On Wednesday morning at 6, a pilgrimage to "Forty Acres" will form at Grace Church and at 7:30 there will be an open-air celebration of the Eucharist at the Huntington House. Exhibits will be set up and following tours of the house, lunch will be served.

Representatives of 11 religious communities will participate in the pilgrimage, walking all or part of the four miles from Grace Church to the Huntington House.

Episcopal Church Pilgrims To Walk 4 Miles May 30

A pilgrimage to the Huntington house in Hadley will open Memorial Day observances at the birthplace of Bishop Dan Huntington, who consecrated St. John's Episcopal Church in 1893, according to Rev. David B. Cochran, rector.

"Forty Acres," as the homestead is called, is the Hadley birthplace of the bishop as well as the boyhood home of Fr. James O. S. Huntington, "one of the most remarkable priests in the history of the Episcopal Church and the founder of the Order of the Holy Cross, the first monastic community of American origin," Rev. Mr. Cochran said.

The day also will commemorate the 76th anniversary of Rev. Mr. Huntington's ordination to the priesthood.

The observance will begin with a supper at Grace Church in Amherst on May 29, followed by solemn vespers and talks on Rev. Mr. Huntington as a social prophet and pioneer urban priest.

On Wednesday morning at 6, the pilgrimage will form at the Grace Church and the visiting clergy and laity, monks and nuns, will walk the four miles to Huntington house.

At 7:30, there will be an open-air celebration of the Eucharist at Forty Acres, followed by breakfast, tours of the house and of the exhibits set up by the monastic communities. Luncheon will complete the program.

Representatives of 11 men's and women's religious communities are expected to attend.

The procession Wednesday morning is scheduled to leave Grace Church, Amherst, at 6 a. m. and arrive at the Huntington home, "40-Acres," at 7:30 where Rev. William H. Clayton, Jr., formerly of Springfield now of the Monastery of St. Mary and St. John in Cambridge, will give Holy Communion. Rev. Don P. Johnston Jr., SCC, of Gloucester and Rev. William R. D. Turkington, OHC, of West Lake, N. Y., will assist. Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, curate of 40-Acres and direct descendant of Fr. Huntington, and Rev. A. Appleton Packard Jr., OHC, West Lake, N. Y., will give the addresses.

Fr. Huntington, founder of the Order of the Holy Cross and several times superior of that order, was a controversial figure in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the last decade of the 19th century. Not only was his successful attempt to found a monastic order adapted to America in an industrial age the object of amazement, but his advanced social views also aroused the misgivings of some of his contemporaries. He was connected with the reform movements of the last decade of the century, and with the Henry George single tax movement, and supported the Knights of Labor.

A Harvard graduate, Huntington after his ordination went to live and work in New York's East Side slums, in the parish of the Holy Cross, on 16th St. opposite Stuyvesant Sq. In this church he took his final vows as a religious on Nov. 25, 1884.

The Huntington House, scene of the pilgrimage, is intimately connected with the history of the Episcopal Church in this country. Fr. Huntington founded the first distinctively American order in the church. The house was also the home of Frederic Dan Huntington, first bishop of central New York. The house has been owned by one family for 300 years, and contains an extensive collection of Americana, as well as being one of the finer examples of colonial architecture.

To Honor Memory Of Fr. Huntington On Memorial Day

Religious orders of the Episcopal Church from Canada and the United States will be represented at the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House on River Dr., Hadley Memorial Day to honor to the memory of Rev. James Otis Sargent Huntington, founder of the Order of the Holy Cross of the church. It will mark the 76th anniversary of Fr. Huntington's ordination.

More than 200 religious and lay leaders will meet in Amherst Tuesday and on Wednesday morning will walk the several miles over Huntington Rd. to the historic and antique-filled Huntington home in River Rd., Hadley, which has been termed a "shrine of colonialism."

The colorful procession, with the religious in robes and habits will travel over the road which the famous family of Bishop Frederic Dan Huntington took to and from the church more than a century ago.

The holiday observance, first in what may be an annual series, will begin Tuesday night in Grace Church in Amherst where Bishop W. Appleton Lawrence of the Western Massachusetts Episcopal diocese, Rev. Archer Torrey of Athol, Rev. Richard S. Knight of Grace Church, and Rev. David R. Cochran of St. John's Church, Northampton, will welcome the pilgrims. Members of the Huntington family in attendance will be introduced.

May 26/56

Fr. Huntington 76th Anniversary To Be Noted

AMHERST — Next week is the time of the Fr. Huntington observances. It will be the 76th anniversary of the ordination of James Huntington, founder of the Order of the Holy Cross, and son of Bishop Dan Huntington, who was one of several persons responsible for the founding of Grace Church in Amherst. Rev. Paul Huntington, is a nephew of Fr. Huntington and grandson of Bishop Huntington.

On Tuesday evening at 7 p.m., solemn vespers will be held in Grace Church. Members of different religious communities will be present, and the service will be led by Fr. Packard, Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross. Following the service in the church, two addresses will be given in the parish house. Miss Sophie Brown, member of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, and Fa. F. Hastings Smyth, Superior of the Society of the Catholic Commonwealth.

On Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated out-of-doors at the Huntington House in North Hadley, followed by breakfast. A walking procession for hearty Christians will leave Grace Church at 6 a.m.

To these three occasions, Grace Church parishioners and residents of Amherst and surrounding communities, are invited. Because of the service on Wednesday morning in Hadley, there will not be a service that morning in Grace Church chapel.

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Bishop To Welcome Pilgrims Tuesday

Rt. Rev. W. Appleton Lawrence, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, and eight superiors and assistant superiors of religious orders from Boston to San Francisco, will attend the pilgrimage honoring James Otis Sargent Huntington, founder of the Order of the Holy Cross on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Bishop Lawrence will welcome the pilgrims on Tuesday night in Grace Church, Amherst, and give the blessing in the Sung Evening Prayer which will conclude the program honoring Fr. Huntington. The program will also include an address by Miss Emily Sophie Brown of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, on "Father Huntington and the Secular Life." Rev. F. Hastings Smyth, Superior, The Oratory of St. Mary and St. Michael, Gloucester, and the Society of the Catholic Commonwealth, author of "Discerning the Lord's Body," "Manhood Into God," and "Sacrifice," will explain "The Meaning of Father Huntington as a Social Prophet for Today."

The Rev. Wiliam H. Clayton, Father David, Deputy Assistant Superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cowley Monastery, Cambridge, will celebrate the Eucharist at the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in Hadley on Wednesday morning. The Assistant Superior of the Society of the Catholic Commonwealth, The Rev. Don J. Johnston will read the Epistle of the Eucharist, and the Assistant Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross, William Turkington, of the Monastery of the Holy Cross, West Park, New York, will read the Gospel. The Eucharist will be celebrated as a High Mass but not sung.

Mother Mary Gabriel, Superior, the Convent of St. Saviour, San Francisco, will arrive at Bradley Field Tuesday in order to attend the pilgrimage. Mother Mary Agnes, St. Margaret's, Boston, Mother Miriam, St. Ann's, Arlington Heights, Father John McCausland, Assistant Superior, Canadian Cowley, the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Bracebridge, Ontario, and Brother Charles, Superior, the Brotherhood of St. Barnabas, St. Barnabas Free Home, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, will also attend the pilgrimage.

Dr. Huntington Cited For Efforts To Save Historical Hadley Home

Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley has received notice from Lewis C. Jones, chairman of the Awards Committee of the American Association of State and Local Historical Societies centered at Williamsburg, Va., that this organization has recognized Dr. Huntington's valiant and intelligent fight to save the Porter-Phelps-Huntington home in Hadley and is giving him one of this year's awards. The famous house, distinguished alike for its history and its imposing architecture and the families occupying it for the past two centuries is more familiarly known as "Forty Acres."

The present maintenance of the house and its immediate future is the responsibility of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Inc., of which Dr. Huntington, a direct descendant of the three families that have lived in the house, is president, and Atty. William E. Dwyer of Northampton is clerk and treasurer.

At the present time a committee on maintenance of the historic house is a work to keep the house open for visitors and also to take such care of the upkeep of the house as is essential.

Dr. Huntington, altho retired from active hospital service is working with the Red Cross bloodmobile program. During the summer he has met a larger than usual group of visitors in the old house, in which are rooms furnished in the manner of two centuries ago and, also, the more livable settings of the 19th Century when it was occupied by the Huntington family and in which the late Bishop Frederic Huntington lived some part of all the 85 years of his life.

Dr. James Huntington has had most of the house restored to its original settings. Included in the furnishings of the house are items of much value as examples of the long life of the house and its use by the several generations that have made it their home.

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1856, July 25. Hadley. Rev. Prof. F. D. Huntington of Harvard university, has become proprietor of the old homestead of his father, Rev. Dan Huntington, in Hadley, and proposes to make it his residence during college vacations.

Farewell Red Cross Party (Segh.

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The Guests of Honor

I receive my gift

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May 28/56

Supper, Pilgrimage To Honor Founder Of Holy Cross Order

A supper at Grace Church parish house in Amherst on Tuesday evening will precede the pilgrimage on Wednesday to honor James Otis Sargent Huntington, founder of the Order of the Holy Cross, who introduced to America the religious life in the Episcopal Church.

Included in the program will be sung Evening Prayer service, two addresses on Father Huntington and his place in the life and thought of the Episcopal Church, and a series of slides on the religious communities in the Episcopal Church today.

Miss Emily Sophie Brown, the society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, will discuss "Father Huntington, and the Secular Life," and the Rev. F. Hastings Smyth, superior, Society of the Catholic Commonwealth and author of "Discerning the Lord's Body," "Manhood Into God" and "Sacrifice," will explain "The Meaning of Father Huntington as a Social Prophet For Today."

The program, like the pilgrimage, is intended both to honor Fr. Huntington and to explain the religious life he introduced to this country to the laity. For this reason, representatives of the orders making the pilgrimage will be introduced to the pilgrims Tuesday evening, as will the rectors of the parish churches participating.

The selection of slides on the religious communities, "From Bakersfield to Boston," will conclude the evening program. The pilgrims will be welcomed by the Rt. Rev. W. Appleton Lawrence, D. D., bishop of Western Massachusetts; the Rev. Archer Torrey, of St. John's Episcopal Church, Athol; Rev. David Cochran, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church, Northampton, and Rev. Richard S. Knight of Grace Church, Amherst.

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EPISCOPALIANS TO HOLD UNIQUE HADLEY SERVICE

Religious and Lay Leaders In Memorial Day Tribute to Fr. Huntington

Representatives of religious orders of the Episcopal Church from United States and Canada will gather at the Phelps-Porter-Huntington House in Hadley, Memorial Day, to pay honor to the memory of Rev. James Otis Sargent Huntington, founder of the Order of the Holy Cross of the church. The date will mark the 76th anniversary of Fr. Huntington's ordination.

Procession to Home

More than 200 religious and lay leaders will meet in Amherst Tuesday and on Wednesday morning will walk the several miles over Huntington Rd. to the historic and antique-filled Huntington home in River Rd., Hadley, which has been termed, a "shrine of colonialism."

The colorful procession, with the religious in robes and habits will travel over the road which the famous family of Bishop Frederic Dan Huntington took to and from church more than a century ago.

The holiday observance, first in what may be an annual series, will begin Tuesday night in Grace Church in Amherst where Bishop W. Appleton Lawrence of the Western Massachusetts Episcopal diocese, Rev. Archer Torrey of Athol, Rev. Richard S. Knight of Grace Church, and Rev. David R. Cochran of St. John's Church, Northampton, will welcome the pilgrims. Members of the Huntington family in attendance will be introduced.

Officers Named

Bishop Lawrence, Rev. Herbert S. Bicknell, Jr., OHC, West Park, N. Y., and Rev. M. Paul S. Huntington will officiate at the prayer service, followed by a talk by Miss Emily Sophie Brown, SCHC, of Naugatuck, Conn.

Monks and nuns of the Order of the Holy Cross, the Society of St. John Evangelist of Canada and United States, the Brotherhood of St. Barnabas and the Society of the Catholic Commonwealth, the Sisters of the Community of St. John the Evangelist, All Saints Convent, the Community of the Holy Spirit, the Community of the Way of the Cross and the Order of St. Helena will take part in the pilgrimage, Fr. Torrey said. Fr. Huntington was early associated with the Brothers of St. Barnabas, the Sisters of the Holy Nativity and the Society of the Catholic Commonwealth.

Mother Superior Mary Gabriel of the Society of St. Saviour of San Francisco, Rev. John MacCausland, SSJE, assistant superior of the Canadian Congregation, Bracebridge, Ont., Brother Charles, superior of St. Barnabas Brotherhood, Gipsonia, Pa., Mother Superior Marion, OSA, Arlington Heights, Mother Superior Mary Agnes of St. Margaret's, Boston, and sisters of the Community of the Holy Spirit, New York, are among the religious representatives who will play important roles in the unique observance.

To Begin at 6 A. M.

The procession Wednesday morning is scheduled to leave Grace Church, Amherst, at 6 a. m. and arrive at the Huntington home, "40-Acres," at 7.30 where Rev. William H. Clayton, Jr., formerly of Springfield now of the Monastery of St. Mary and St. John in Cambridge, will give Holy Communion. Rev. Don P. Johnston, Jr., SCC, of Gloucester and Rev. William R. D. Turkington, OHC, of West Lake, N. Y., will assist. Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, curator of 40-Acres and direct descendant of Fr. Huntington, and Rev. A. Appleton Packard, Jr., OHC, West Lake, N. Y., will give the addresses.

Fr. Huntington, founder of the rder of the Holy Cross and sev- ral times superior of that order, as a controversial figure in the rotestant Episcopal Church in he last decade of the 19th cen- ury. Not only was his successful ttempt to found a monastic or- er adapted to America in an in- ustrial age the object of amaze- ent, but his advanced social iews also aroused the misgiv- ngs of some of his contempo- aries. He was connected with the eform movements of the last ecade of the century, and with he Henry George single tax ovement, and supported the Knights of Labor.

Lived in Slums

A Harvard graduate, Hunting- on after his ordination went to ive and work in New York's East Side slums, in the parish of the Holy Cross, on 16th St. op- posite Stuyvesant Sq. In this church he took his final vows as a religious on Nov. 25, 1884.

The Huntington House, scene of the pilgrimage, is intimately connected with the history of the Episcopal Church in this country. Fr. Huntington founded the first distinctively American order in the church. The house was also the home of Frederic Dan Hunt- ington, first bishop of central New York. The house has been owned by one family for 300 years, and contains an extensive collection of Americana, as well as being one of the finer ex- amples of colonial architecture.

MAY 29, 1956.

HADLEY

Pilgrims To Honor Founder Of Order

HADLEY—The Pilgrims honor- ing James Otis Sargent Hunting- ton, founder of the Order of the Holy Cross, will attend a supper, program and Sung Evening Prayer at Grace Church, Am- herst, tonight, and will walk from Grace Church to "Forty Acres," the Porter-Phelps-Hun- tington home in Hadly tomorrow morning, where they will cele- brate the Eucharist, and go through the house where Hun- tington lived as a youth.

The Pilgrims will register at Grace Church at 4 this after- noon. They will be served supper at 6 and the Rt. Rev. W. Apple- ton Lawrence, bishop of the dio- cese of Western Massachusetts, will welcome them. The Rev. F. Hastings Smyth, Superior, So- ciety of the Catholic Common- wealth, and Emily Sophie Brown, Society of the Com- panions of the Holy Cross, will speak on Father Huntington. Bishop Lawrence will give the pilgrims his blessing at the Eve- ning Prayer which will conclude the evening program.

The pilgrims will assemble at Grace Church at 6 a.m. on Wed- nesday morning and walk to the Huntington home, where, at 7:30, the Rev. William H. Clayton, dep- uty assistant Superior, the Socie- ty of St. John the Evangelist, will celebrate High Mass. Fol- lowing the celebration of the Eucharist, the pilgrims will eat breakfast and the members of the Porter - Phelps - Huntington Foundation will guide them through the house. Dr. James Huntington, Hadley, will speak on the house and Fr. Packard, OHC, will speak on Fr. Hunting- ton and the Religious Life. The pilgrimage will end with lunch at noon.

MAY 29 1956 DAILY HAMPSHI

Late Bishop Huntington Fought For Underprivileged, N. Y. Slum Inhabitants

By LEWIS SOENS

James Otis Sargent Hunting- ton, in whose honor representa- tives from various religious or- ders throughout the country will participate in a pilgrimage to- morrow to the Porter Phelps Huntington House in Hadley, was born in Boston. His father took ownership in the Hadley home in 1854, the year of James' birth.

The future bishop regarded the Hadley homestead as his family residence — and he spent many summers at the house located be- side the cool waters of the Con- necticut River. During his school- boy years, including those in which he studied for the priest- hood, he lived in a room called the "Prophet's Chamber" because of his association with it and be- cause of its monastic simplicity.

His annual vacations, even when he attained the rank of bishop in the Episcopal Church, were spent in Hadley, and he al- ways looked forward to visiting here because of the peace and beauty of the hamlet's country- side.

JAMES OTIS HUNTINGTON

Named for him, his nephew is Dr. James L. Huntington of Had- ley, who will participate in the ceremonies today and Wednes- day, and another nephew, Paul, will deliver an address at the spe- cial exercises this evening at Grace Church.

Rev. Huntington introduced the religious life to the Episcopalian Church at a time when the mo- nastic orders seemed to most re- ligious leaders in this country a medieval hang-over, completely irrelevant to America in an in- dustrial age. He also supported Henry George and the Knights of Labor at a time when unions and the income tax were thought to offend not only against the divine order of God, but the natural or- der of Darwin. He became the American Church's first monk and one of her greatest prophets.

The son of Frederic D. Hunt- ington, first bishop of Central New York, James Huntington went to New York to work the tenement district after attending Harvard where he was one of the founding editors of the Crim- son. After his ordination, Hunt- ington and two companions es- tablished a mission to the slums of New York's East Side in the parish of the Holy Cross, on Six- teenth St., opposite Stuyvesant Square. In this church he took his final vows as a religious on Nov. 25, 1884. Even before he took his final vows, he and his companions attracted some not altogether favorable notice by adopting a semi-monastic habit, which aroused distrust in little boys and some bishops.

Huntington's work in the East Side slums seems to have crystal- lized his sense of social injustice, for, instead of retiring entirely from the world, after his final vows, he moved from agitation for Tenement House Reform to Henry George's Single Tax move- ment, and finally to the support of the Knights of Labor. He, Henry George, and Father Mc- Glynn became close friends and co-workers, and Huntington sup- ported Henry George when he ran for mayor of New York City against Teddy Roosevelt in 1886. Huntington was more fortunate than his friend, Father McGlynn, who was eventually excommuni- cated from the Roman Catholic Church, and founded the Anti- Poverty Society. Huntington spoke in McGlynn's behalf at one of the first meetings of the So- ciety on July 18, 1887. McGlynn was later received back into his communion.

Huntington's reputation as a social reformer was such that he was asked to mediate the strike in Spring Valley, Illinois, in 1889 and 90. Like today's worker- priests, he felt that his social work was a proper expression of his monastic vows, but he refused even to countenance the sugges- tion that the labor movement supplant his vocation. Indeed, he moderated his role as a social prophet in order to devote his time to developing the Order of the Holy Cross which he found- ed, and whose superior he was several times.

Huntington's influence on the church was perhaps more re- markable than his influence as a prophet. Not only did he found the order of the Holy Cross, but he inspired and guided founders and members of other orders. Frederic Hastings Smyth, Supe- rior, of the Society of the Catho- lic Commonwealth, who will at- tend the pilgrimage, credits Huntington with first showing America that incarnational theology, monastic devotion, and social prophecy, the functions of his order, could be brilliantly combined. Huntington encour- aged and supported the other or- ders in the church and was early associated with the Sisters of the Holy Nativity and the Brothers of St. Barnabas. Representatives of these orders will make the pil- grimage as will those from the Sisters of the Community of St. John the Evangelist, All Saints Convent, the Community of the Holy Spirit, the Community of the Way of the Cross, the Order of St. Helena and the Convent of St. Saviour, whose superior, Mother Mary Gabriel, is flying from San Francisco to attend the pilgrimage.

HADLEY

Tribute In Rain To Memory Of Late Bishop Huntington

HADLEY—Sixty-five members of various orders of the Episco- pal Church of the United States and Canada made a more than four mile trek yesterday in the rain from Grace Church, Am- herst to the Porter-Phelps-Hunt- ington House on River Dr. in tribute to the memory of Rev. James Otis Sargent Huntington, founder of the Order of the Holy Cross.

The pilgrimage to the boyhood home of Fr. Huntington and the birthplace of his father, Rt. Rev. Frederick Dan Huntington, one- time bishop of Central New York, began at 6 a.m. and was com- pleted shortly before 8.

An estimated 200 persons joined the pilgrimage at the Huntington House, "Forty Acres," where they attended a high mass celebrated by Rev. William H. Clayton, deputy assistant superi- or of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cowley Monastery, Cambridge.

Assistant Superior Don P. Johnston Jr., of the Society of the Catholic Commonwealth, read the epistle, and Assistant Superior William Turkington of the Order of the Holy Cross, West Park, N. Y., read the gos- pel.

Among those who made the walk from Amherst were Mother Mary Gabriel, superior of the Convent of St. Saviour in San Francisco; Rev. F. Hastings Smyth, superior of the Society of the Catholic Commonwealth, Gloucester; Mother Mary Agnes, St. Margaret's, Boston; Mother Miriam, St. Ann's, Arlington Heights, and Brothers George and Paul of the Brotherhood of St. Barnabas, Gibsonia, Pa.

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In attendance at the pilgrim- age was Stanilav Rembski of Baltimore, noted American artist, whose portrait of Fr. Huntington hangs in the Kent School, Kent, Conn., founded by the Order of the Holy Cross.

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The program concluded with sext and intercession, led by Rev. John McClausland, assistant su- perior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Bracebridge, On- tario.

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OF

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Founder of the ORDER of the HOLY CROSS

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Pilgrimage Marks An Anniversary

This week Grace Episcopal Church has been observing the 76th anniversary of the ordination of James Huntington, founder of the Order of the Holy Cross, and the son of Bishop Dan Huntington who was one of several persons responsible for the founding of Grace Church in Amherst. The Rev. Paul Huntington (ret'd) of Pelham Rd. is a nephew of Father Huntington and a grandson of Bishop Huntington.

Solemn Vespers were held at Grace Church Tuesday, May 29, at 7 p.m. Thirty members of religious communities (Poughkeepsie, where the Order of the Holy Cross originated and Cambridge) as well as 30 lay people from ou of town were present. The service was led by Father Packard. Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross. Following the service in the church two addresses were given in the parish house by Miss Sophie Brown, member of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross and Father F. Hastings Smyth Superior of the Society of the Catholic Commonwealth.

A walking procession left Grace Church at 6 a.m. Wednesday May 30, to attend a Holy Communion service celebrated out-of-doors at the Huntington House i North Hadley at 7:30 a.m. People from Amherst, Northampton and the surrounding communities attended. The service was followed by breakfast.

Holyoke (Mass). Transcript-Telegram, May 31, 1956

Leaders Of Nation At Historic House In Hadley Founder Of Episcopal Order Honored By Church

Some 60 members of various orders of the Episcopal church of this country and Canada made a three-mile pilgrimage from Grace church, Amherst, to the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house in Hadley on Wednesday honoring the man who established the Order of the Holy Cross, the first Episcopal order in the United States.

The pilgrimage was made to the boyhood home of Rev. James Otis Sargent Huntington, also the birthplace of his father, Rt. Rev. Frederic Dan Huntington, first Protestant Episcopal bishop of central New York, who left the Unitarian church with which his father was associated as a clergyman in Hadley.

175 In Procession

Begun at 6 a.m. and completed about 7:30 approximately 175 persons joined the procession at the Huntington house, "Forty Acres," where they attended high mass celebrated by Rev. William H. Clayton, deputy assistant superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cowley monastery, Cambridge.

The Epistle was read by Assistant Superior Don P. Johnston, Jr., of the Society of the Catholic Commonwealth, and the Gospel was read by Assistant Superior William Turkington of the Order of Holy Cross, West Park, N. Y.

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Following a tour of the historic 300-year-old homestead Dr. James L. Huntington, Fr. Huntington's nephew and curator of the home, delivered a talk on the extensive collection of early American art and crafts found in the home.

Concluding the program was sext and intercession led by Rev. John McCausland, Assistant Superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Bracebridge, Ontario, Canada.

Area persons attending the services were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Bradford Clark, Mrs. William T. Cushwa and her daughter, Margaret, and Miss Grace Stocker.

Plans and arrangements for the pilgrimage were under the direction of Rev. Archer Torrey of Athol who was assisted by Aiden Powers, a U. of M. student and Lewis Soens, Smith college professor.

Episcopalians Make Pilgrimage to Huntington House

65 Members of Orders Walk in Rain From Amherst to Hadley's 'Forty Acres'

Hadley, May 30—Their religious fervor undampened by a driving rain, 65 members of various orders of the Episcopal Church of the United States and Canada made a more than three-mile trek from Grace Church in Amherst to the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House here today in tribute to the memory of Rev. James Otis Sargent Huntington, founder of the Order of the Holy Cross.

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Here are some of the 65 members of various orders of the Episcopal Church of the United States and Canada who walked more than three miles from Amherst to the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in Hadley in a driving rain Wednesday morning. The walk was part of a pilgrimage to the boyhood home of Rev. James Otis Sargent Huntington, founder of the Order of the Holy Cross..

IN PILGRIMAGE

HADLEY — Among those attending the special Huntington Memorial Day services were: Rev. Paul M. Huntington, Harriet F. Whicher, Mrs. Charles Morgan, Elizabeth and Virginia Beckwith, Rev. Richard S. Knight, rector, Grace Church, Amherst, and Nick Abans of Amherst.

Also Edith M. Sibley, Margaret L. Lipton, Eleanor S. Lipton, Mrs. Sims Stillman, Rev. David Cochran, rector, St. John's, Northampton, Miss Josephine Starr, Mrs. Karl Rice, Mrs. Hope Burn, Capen House, Smith College, Wendell S. Johnson, assistant professor English, Smith College Gertrude M. and Doris Livingstone, 19 Hatfield St., Mrs. Polly Rogers, 77 Riverside Dr., Mrs. Frank Cushwo, 36 Bedford Ter., Dr. and Mrs. James Huntington, "40 Acres," Hadley.

Also Ethel Roseman, Maria Ball, Jeanette Davis, Eleanor M. Harvey and Benson H. Harvey, of Easthampton.

Rt. Rev. W. Appleton, Lawrence, bishop of the diocese of Western Mass., Rev. George W. Smith, St. Peter's Church, Harvey Kelley and Annie C. Porter of Springfield also attended.

Hope of Hadley Grange No. 15 served the meals. In charge were Mrs. Osborne West, Mrs. Helen Smith, Mrs. and Mrs. Lee Higgins, and Mrs. Alice Russell.

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A Saga Of Free Faith In The New England Way

One of the most unique and typically New England Memorial day parades took place over that hilly sparsely settled woodsy Huntington highway that leads from Amherst over the foothills of Mount Warner to the lush Connecticut Valley meadows.

The monastic pilgrimage made by members — both men and women — of the several orders of the Episcopal church in the United States and Canada had its memorial quality as well as its religious intent.

On Memorial day back in 1880 Rev. James Otis Sargent Huntington was ordained into the priesthood of the Episcopal church. He was to found the Order of the Holy Cross, the first of the religious orders in the Episcopal church, based on the witnessing of St. Augustine, Father Huntington had come a long ways from the faith of his grandmother but, like her, with the same fervor of religious purpose

Mrs. Dan Huntington, mother of 11 children, had been excommunicated from the Old Hadley church for her question of the creed upon which the church, at that time, was based.

The transcendentalism movement in Boston headed by the great New England intellectualism of that time had set up the Unitarian movement. For her refuting of the established standard she was formally excommunicated from the church which had been set up by religious dissenters from the church forms of Hartford and Wethersfield.

In good time her son, Rev. Frederic Dan Huntington, minister in the Unitarian church and professor at Harvard, found his faith taking him into Trinitarian fields. In 1861 he made his formal entrance into the Episcopal church. His son. James S. Huntington, was destined for the Christian ministry from his boyhood. He had his education at Harvard. He loved to come back to Hadley as did his father. There are those who recall him as a tall and handsome man who liked to row on the Connecticut river.

His father, who was then bishop of Central New York, was not very much in sympathy with his son's dream to break a new trail and build within the Episcopal church a deeper in-dwelling of mysticism and sacrifice in a group of the clergy of that body. But the Huntingtons have ever been men of powerful religious convictions and with the liberality and democracy of thought that held that it was a human right for men to find their relationship with their Creator in the way they felt had the largest truth.

It has to be noted that included in that extraordinary pilgrimage across the hills of Hadley into the beautiful old colonial mansion so ffiled with the history of New England were men and women whose work is being done from Boston and from San Francisco.

It was a memorial of spiritual soldiers whose life and work had spanned the centuries.

Neither Elizabeth nor Frederic Dan or James O. S. Huntington could have foreseen what happened on Memorial day, 1956, under the roof of the Huntington mansion which has kept its homliness and hospitality high under its elm trees for more than 200 years.

It is a saga in the Christian religion as expressed in the New England way of freedom of faiths in one family.

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RELIGIOUS PILGRIMAGE

Delegates, representing the various orders of the Episcopal Church of the United States and Canada, recently assembled at Amherst to celebrate the 76th anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Holy Cross by the Rev. James Otis Sargent Huntington whose boyhood home, the 300-year-old Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Hadley, is today famous for its priceless collection of early American antiques. Highlight of the meeting was a pilgrimage to the Huntington House, made on foot in a downpour of rain. Following the three-mile trek, the delegates attended a high mass at the Huntington House and toured the premises of the historic estate under the leadership of Dr. James L. Huntington, nephew of Father Huntington and curator of the estate.

Rotophotos by Art Egan

ON THE MARCH

Participants in the religious pilgrimage made the trek from Amherst to Hadley in a downpour of rain. Left to right, are: six-year-old Reuben G. Torrey and the Rev. Archer Torrey, of Athol, and Norman F. Charman, of Northampton.

ORDER'S FOUNDER

This is portrait of Father James Otis Huntington, founder of the Order of the Holy Cross, which was presented to his nephew, Dr. James L. Huntington, at pilgrimage's end.

HIGH MASS

The Rev. William H. Clayton, deputy ass't superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cowley Monastery, Cambridge, celebrated a high mass on porch of the Huntington House at end of pilgrimage.

DEVOUT PILGRIMS

Delegates knelt on porch of the old house during celebration of a high mass which was the climax of the religious pilgrimage.

JOURNEY'S END

A breakfast, served at the Huntington House, was welcomed by delegates at end of the three-mile hike from Amherst.

LISTENING IN

Dr. James L. Huntington (right) related the fascinating history of the 300-year-old Huntington House to delegates who assembled on the verandah of the old home in the early afternoon.

-Right-

IN GOOD SPIRITS

Despite the drenching downpour, these marchers were in good spirits at pilgrimage's end. Left to right, are: Rev. John McClausland, ass't superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Ontario, Canada; Mother Miriam, St. Ann's, Arlington Heights; Mother Mary Agnes, St. Margaret's, Boston; and Mother Mary Gabriel, superior of the Convent of St. Saviour, San Francisco, California.

FOUNDER'S ORDER

These delegates from the Order of the Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, N.Y., are members of the Order founded by Father Huntington 76 years ago. Left to right, are: Rev. A. Appleton Packard, Brother George, Brother Michael, Rev. William Turkington, Rev. Herbert S. Bicknell and Rev. William Harris.

LUNCHEON SCENE

These area people discussed highlights of the pilgrimage at luncheon table set up on Huntington House lawn.

CLEARING WEATHER
The sun came out shortly before noon, permitting deldgates to enjoy an outdoor luncheon. Here, group is pictured during saying of Grace.

OIL PORTRAIT
Artist Stanilav Rembski, of Baltimore, (left) presented a painting of Father Huntington to his nephew, Dr. James L. Huntington. Looking on are Dr. Huntington's wife and his sister, Miss Catherine Huntington.

Oct. 22/56

To go back to last May to push up this fine fully deserved story: I actually left the Red Cross May 15th — My last day in Spring Hill was celebrated by the Spring Hill Chapter with a cake and the presentation of a bushfull pewter stein. Previously at Mrs Adams they had given me a really heart warming farewell and a 'write up' in the paper (see clipping + pictures p. 150) The unit celebrated with a delightful party at Tots in Hollywood (see pp 151 + 152 and 154) Tots wrote delightfully clever verses and the unit gave me a beautiful little Sheffield tray with menu cards for teas and a bottle of green mint. The annual meeting of P.P.H. although very nicely attended showed no progress. The Pilgrimage in honor of Uncle James and Grandfather was a most tremendous affair but as it is covered from every angle by the clippings I will merely give the page where they may be found (pp. 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160 + 161) On the 31st we held the Orange celebration of the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the Farm Museum. I told the story of the barn. The area wages leading to the cellar were entirely burnt over with wonderful results and the road ways were recarted with crushed stone. We never had a very busy summer, the Dickinson Family visited the house in a body. The Association of Early American Industry also visited but never officially. We had four Saturday Musicales and many visitors and great interest shown all during the summer. Florence Richardson came to stay with us when the old house was still totally cold but she stood it well and took wonderful care of the place both inside and out keeping it as it never has been kept before. She left on (166

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Corporation Formed To Preserve Porter-Phelps-Huntington House In Hadley

Hadley, Oct. 9—A charter was granted this week to a corporation which has been organized to take over the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house on River drive. The property has been known in this section of New England for the past 70 years as the Bishop Huntington place. The incorporators are: Dr. Lewis Perry, headmaster emeritus of Phillips Exeter academy; General Sherman Miles; Prof. Samuel Eliot Morison of Harvard university; Mrs. Minnie R. Dwight of Holyoke; Aubrey B. Butler of Northampton; Andrew H. Hepburn of the firm of Perry, Shaw and Hepburn, the architects who restored Williamsburg, Va.; William E. Dwyer of Northampton and Dr. James Lincoln Huntington.

The charter provides that the "corporation is created for antiquarian, historical, literary, educational, artistic and monumental purposes; to preserve for posterity buildings, places, objects of historical and other interest; to provide for exhibiting or making accessible suitable material of historical interest; to promote historical study and research and to print historical publications; the special purpose of the association is to preserve the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house, together with its contents, which property is located in the town of Hadley."

President Charles W. Cole of Amherst college is thoroughly in accord with the project and has written as follows in this regard: "I am convinced that this house and its furnishings should be preserved as an almost unique example of an unaltered 18th century Connecticut valley dwelling. The historical value of the house for students and others is of the first importance. It would also be most useful to have the family papers edited and printed so as to make them available to scholars."

Hadley House To Be Museum

(Photo by Chamberlain)

The land on which this house is built has always been in the possession of the ancestors of Dr. Huntington. It was common land owned by the householders living in the northeast section of the town of Hadley. That is where the Porters lived and this family gradually acquired the rights of the other householders in this section of the town until, in 1752, Moses Porter, owning over 500 acres of the land known as 'Forty acres and the skirts' built the now standing.

He was captain in the regiment commanded by Ephriam Williams. In the French war, at the Battle of the Bloody Morning Scout, September 8, 1775, he and his commander and most of the regiment were killed on the shores of Bloody Pond, near Lake George. His widow and little daughter lived on at Forty Acres which was farmed for them by a kinsman by the name of Worthington. In 1770 this daughter Elizabeth married Charles Phelps, a young lawyer.

Phelps began at once to make improvements on the house and to acquire more land. He became the leading citizen of the town—represented Hadley in the Great and General Court, was deacon of the church, captain of militia and squire of the town, holding warrants making him justice of the peace under Governors Hancock, Sullivan, Strong and Sumner. Phelps continued to make improvements, adding barns and sheds and finally, in 1799, putting on the gambrel roof, clapboarding the house and putting on the single blinds—since that date, the house itself has seen no structural change. The barn has become the Farm Museum, having been moved to the center of the town a number of years ago. The connecting sheds between the house and the barns which were torn down have been rebuilt with the exact original lines and with much of the original material.

While 1752 is not old for a New England house, the fact that it has not been touched since 1799, makes it rather out of the ordinary, for most substantial houses suffered alterations in the 19th century, losing much in atmosphere. However, the remarkable feature of this house is its contents.

Moses Porter, who built the house, brought up from his home in Old Hadley street, the household articles and family papers which had been accumulating for three generations. These have been constantly added to, each generation contributing ancestral material, and as there has never been a division of the contents of the house, here it remains today. This includes family papers going back to the first generation in Hadley, the earliest paper being a deed written by Samuel Porter, the first child born in Hadley and attested by Aaron Cooke, his father-in-law, the first to be married in the town—the date 1697. Deeds, wills, inventories, bills of sales of slaves, of hats and hardware, letters and diaries all are here.

The diary of Elizabeth Porter Phelps, the wife of the Squire, kept from 1763 to 1812, gives a remarkable account of the life at the old house through those eventful years.

It is hoped that all this mass of early American material may be made available for study and the house, which so far has only attracted the interest of Amherst college, will become a feature in the teaching of Colonial history to the students of Smith, Mt. Holyoke and the University of Massachusetts, and that the Pioneer Valley association which featured this house in its initial pamphlet, will eventually realize its value as a point of interest to the visitors, who yearly flock to this beautiful valley.

A history of the house, richly illustrated with photographs taken by Samuel Chamberlain, the famous delineator of Colonial America, is being prepared for publication and will, undoubtedly, be in print in the early spring of 1949. The house, which has been closed every winter since 1865, will not be open for visitors until next May, but it is hoped that sufficient funds may be contributed to make the house available for inspection and study the year around in the very near future.

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Musical Benefit At Famed Hadley Home To Present Mozart

A benefit musical performance of Mozart's "Clarinet Quintette" will be presented Sunday afternoon, July 8, at the Porter Phelps Huntington House on River Dr., Hadley. The musicians taking part are Juliana Les, first violin; Linda Burnham, second violin; Helen Paquette, viola; Ann Ehiki, cello and Donna Klimoski, clarinet.

Tea will be served at 5 p.m. followed by the concert at 6 p.m. There will be opportunity for everyone to see the Porter Phelps Huntington House both before and after the concert.

HADLEY

Clarinet Quintet To Play Here

HADLEY—A performance of the Mozart Clarinet Quintet will be the highlight of a tea to be held at the Porter-Phelps Hun-

DONNA KLIMOSKI

tington house Sunday afternoon at 5. Music by the Young People's Chamber Group will be provided in the Long Room at 6.

Featured number of the group is Donna Klimoski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Klimoski of River Dr., on clarinet. Miss Klimoski will enter her second year at the New England Conservatory of Music with a major in clarinet and minor in voice. A graduate of Hopkins Academy, she was a member and student director of the glee club and solo clarinetist with the band.

There will be an opportunity to see the Huntington mansion before and after the musical entertainment and several invitations have been issued.

Musical Teas During Summer As Benefits

HADLEY — A series of benefit musical teas is being planned as a Sunday afternoon event this summer at the Porter - Phelps-Huntington House in Hadley.

The first musicale is scheduled for 5 p.m. Sunday, June 17, when Prof. Edwin B. Pettet of Amherst College will present a program of folk ballads. Friends of the Colonial mansion, who are eager to keep the house and its contents intact for posterity, are invited to tour the home either before or after the tea and ballad program.

Dr. Pettet will accompany himself on the guitar and plans to sing primarily English-language ballads, including American, English, Irish and Scottish. Although his ballad-singing is only a hobby, Prof. Pettet entertained for the USO during World War II.

Dr. James L. Huntington, curator of Forty Acres as the estate is known, will be host for the tea and musicale, and will answer queries about the historic house. Among the other programs planned during the summer will be music by vocal groups, chamber music ensembles and others.

Informal Tea, Concert Enjoyed At 40 Acres

A delightful innovation was introduced to devotees of music and historic houses Sunday afternoon at Forty Acres, the lovely 18th Century Porter-Phelps-Huntington mansion in Hadley. Although Forty Acres is well known to antique connoisseurs throughout the country, its charm was doubly enhanced by an informal tea and concert presented by Dr. and Mrs. Huntington, under the auspices of the committee devoted to the restoration and upkeep of Forty Acres.

After a tour of the mansion and refreshments in the form of delicious punch and delicate cupcakes served by Mrs. Robert Pierce, the guests took seats in the Long Room and in the halls outside, in anticipation of the music to come.

Donna Klimoski, clarinetist, who is well-known to Hadleyites and surrounding communities, was presented by Dr. Huntington. She in turn introduced her quartet of players, all young ladies from Springfield; the first violinist, Julianna Les, 17, who is concertmaster of the Youth Symphony; Linda Burnham, 14, second violinst, and the cellist, Ann Ehrke, 16, both members of the Youth Symphony, and Helen Paquette, violist, 16, who has been studying the violin for one year and the viola for the two weeks Miss Klimoski has been rehearsing them, and could well be a budding genius as her competent playing showed.

The young people then played Mozart's clarinet quintet with a poise and surety belying their tender years. Their ensemble was particularly good in the first two movements; they were attentive to specific dynamics and emulated the freely flowing phrasing of Miss Klimoski's clarinet. As soloist and senior player her musicianship was easily evident. Miss Klimoski is a student at the Boston Conservatory of Music. The fine technique of the violinists must be mentioned, and the vibrant mellow tone of the cellist. It is interesting to note that Mozart's quintet was composed around 1790 and that the last structural changes made in Forty Acres was in 1792. The appreciation and pleasure of the guests was shown not only by their applause but by the pleased attention they gave to the players and their music even when the humidity caused extra tuning of strings.

Dr. Huntington announced two more concerts to be given on Aug. 19 and Sept. 9. It is certain that more guests will be added to the many who were amply rewarded for their attendance. Of course Forty Acres can be seen and enjoyed more often but without music, specifically, from 10 a.m. on weekdays and from 12 to 5 on Saturdays, until Oct. 15. —M. deB. B.

Church of Advent (Boston) Weekly Message Oct. 7/56

her Sisters.

JAMES OTIS SARGENT HUNTINGTON

Founder of the Order of the Holy Cross

The Father Founder of the first religious order for men in the American Episcopal Church was once asked to be Rector of the Church of the Advent, but his duties with the order prevented him from accepting the call. Another connection with this parish goes back to the year 1859 when he was a boy of five years. It was the custom in those days for the Advent choir of men and boys, on Christmas Eve, to sing carols outside the Convent of the Sisters of St. Margaret in Louisburg Square, and then at the Charles Street jail. After that, as circumstances permitted, our choir would sing at the homes of parishioners who were ill. In 1859, this took place next to the home of the Reverend Frederick Dan Huntington, a Unitarian minister and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals at Harvard. Dr. Huntington heard the carols with delight, met the choir members through his next door neighbor, a parishioner of the Advent, from whom he obtained a copy of the Book of Common Prayer. A year later he became a candidate for Holy Orders, was subsequently ordained deacon and priest in the Episcopal Church, and was the first Rector of Emmanuel Church on Newbury Street. In 1869 he was consecrated first Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York. With his father that Christmas Eve in 1859, was the five year old son, James Otis Sargent Huntington. Only God knows what impression our choir boys made on the boy, but we do thank God he grew up to be a priest, the founder of the Order of the Holy Cross and perhaps the most influential priest of his day in the Episcopal Church.

The details of his life have been set forth in a biography, "Father Huntington", by the late Vida Dutton Scudder of Wellesley.

Your rector knew him well and for many years has been a Priest-Associate of the Order of the Holy Cross.

The statues of Mother Louisa Mary and Father Huntington, which will be dedicated this morning, were executed by the well known wood carver, J. Gregory Wiggins, of Pomfret, Connecticut.

Dr. Thorne + Mrs. Sept. 6/56

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Dr. + Mrs. Thorne visits the Mallow's just the day with us. Took many pictures several views & moving. Dr. Thorne is Supt. of Schools in West ~~Hartford~~ Hartford Conn.

Recently, while inspecting the failing on the long veranda stretching the length of his ancestral farm home, "Forty Acres" on River Dr., Hadley, Dr. James Lincoln Huntington (left) stepped through a board and into a nest of resentful yellow jackets. This sparked an inspection which revealed that many of the 252-year-old boards had lost their virility. They are being replaced by Edward Peters (right) of Greenfield and Gordon Himmelman of Haydenville. Long porch or "stoop" is a rarity in New England for it is a typical Southern adjunct to a plantation house. aug 1956

Historic Sites Group Ends Vermont Meeting

WOODSTOCK, Vt., Sept. 28 —The first international Historic Sites Conference among public officials and associated groups ended a two-day conference here tonight with representatives from 21 states, Canada and Puerto Rico attending.

Massachusetts representatives were Mr. and Mrs. Alan McClennen of Boston; Dr. James Lincoln of Hadley, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Whitehill and Susan Higginson Nash, Boston Herald columnist. The conference was held at the Woodstock Inn.

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Sept. 29/56

Funds To Cover Porter-Phelps-Huntington House Deficit Raised, Maaintenance Committee Reports

Meeting at the Smith College Alumnae House Saturday afternoon, members of the maintenance committee of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Inc., reviewed their activities on behalf of the historic Hadley house.

Organized after the annual meeting of the corporation held in May 1955, when it appeared that the house would have to be closed for lack of funds, this committee of 17 from this area—under the leadership of Mrs. Stephen Brown, a director of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House — has worked diligently and successfully to raise funds to keep the house open to the public.

Funds have been raised to cover the annual deficit. Also certain necessary major repairs have been financed as well as the printing of posters, descriptive brochures and pamphlets, signs and advertisements aimed at informing the public of this historic colonial mansion which contains a wealth of fine family heirlooms accumulated by 10 generations.

In making his financial statement, treasurer of the committee and of the corporation, Atty. William E. Dwyer of Northampton and Hadley pointed out that the 15 month period since the activation of this committee has been long enough so that an evaluation of the results of its efforts may be made. Certain necessary high initial expenditures incurred in getting the drive for funds underway are now beginning to bear fruit, Mr. Dwyer said.

He noted that since the committee on maintenance was formed in June 1955, the corporation has received $2,212.50, which, added to the balance at that date, amounts to $2,384.43. Contributions to the Maintenance Fund totaled $3,214.25. The Endowment Fund increases from $2,996.88 to $3,484.62.

Expenditures during the period from June 1, 1955, to the present from the corporate funds were $1,-107.56; from the Maintenance Fund $2,465.72, and from the Endowment Fund (as approved by the directors) $2,000. The expenditures totalled $5,573.28, leaving a balance of $1,276.87 in the Corporate Fund, $784.53 in the Maintenance fund, and $1,484.62 in the Endowment Fund.

At the recommendation of Mr. Dwyer, the committee voted to turn over the balance of the Maintenance Fund to Dr. James L. Huntington, president of the board of directors and curator of Forty Acres, as the Hadley estate has been known through the years.

This sum reimbursed Dr. Huntington for expenditures relating directly to the maintenance of the historic house and represents part of the annual deficit, the deficit being the amount over and above which the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Inc., a charitable and tax-free corporation, has been able to raise in the past through dues and contributions. It was because Dr. Huntington could no longer assume responsibility personally for the deficit that this committee on maintenance sprang into being.

Dr. James L. Huntington of 128 Riven Dr., Hadley, explains the history behind one of the many historical objects in his home to members of the maintenance committee of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House organization. Left to right are William Dwyer, treasurer, Alfred Miller, Dr. Huntington and Mrs. Stephen Brown, chairman. Dr. Huntington is holding a pewter tankard owned by a direct ancestor, Samuel Porter, who, born in 1660, was the first native of Hadley and served as sheriff of Hampshire county prior to his death in 1722. The date on the tankard is 1714.

In reporting on the present season's activities, Dr. Huntington stated that since June 1, 1956, the corporation has received 56 new members—three life, five sustaining, 21 contributing and 27 regular—with many members changing their membership into higher brackets. Since last May, 581 visitors have signed the guest book, half again as many as in previous years. The sale of the book, Forty Acres, also has increased notably.

The Sunday Musicales initiated this year have been well attended and have created much interest. Committee members Doris Abramson of Amherst and Miss Ruth Scott of North Hadley are already at work on an extended series of musicales and readings to be given next season.

Alfred Muller, committee member from Hatfield, announced that many kodachrome slides have been made of the interior of the house and that movies of a tour of the house with sound tract have been made and will be shown in schools in West Hartford. Tape recordings have been made of Dr. Huntington's commentaries on the house, including his acceptance speech upon the occasion of the presentation of the Award of Merit at the annual dinner meeting of the Northampton Historical Society last May.

Mr. Muller also stated that two exhibits of historic items from the house will be available for display and a number of locations have already been assigned. The exhibit at the First National Bank in Easthampton during the summer created much interest.

Dr. Huntington reported briefly on the first meeting of the Historic Sites Public Officials and Associated Groups which he attended in Woodstock, Vt. He recalled with what admiration the new brochure on Forty Acres, designed by Mrs. Edwin Pettet, committee member from Amherst, was received.

The picture brochure is being widely distributed and represents an effort on the part of the maintenance committee to let the public know of the "almost unbelievable treasure house of rare antiques" from colonial days to be found at Forty Acres.

A report was given on the pilgrimage to the house in honor of Father James Huntington last May. Rev. Archer Torrey, committee member from Athol, indicated that interest was high in the unusual event and it is hoped that it will take place regularly in the future.

Committee member Mrs. William G. Dwight of Holyoke in submitting her report on the Huntington Family Assn. Contact noted that out of 338 members contacted by mail 31 members gave contributions totalling $288 to the maintenance fund and in membership dues.

Dr. Huntington was authorized to obtain an estimate on a central heating plant which is the next major improvement urgently needed. At present the house is open only from May to Nov. 1. With the installation of a heating system, the house with its contents could be used for study by school children and college students interested in the history of art, colonial history, American culture and social studies.

With committee member Miss Helen Stobbe of Northampton as tea hostess, the meeting closed with the serving of refreshments.

Members present were Mrs. Stephen Brown, Miss Doris E. Abramson, Prof. Theodore P. Greene, Mrs. Edwin Burr Pettet, Amherst; Atty. William E. Dwyer, Miss Olive Dodge, Miss Helen Stobbe, Northampton; Alfred G. Muller, Hatfield, and Miss Ruth Scott, North Hadley.

Members unable to attend were Mrs. William G. Dwight, Holyoke; John Gordon, Northampton; Mrs. Robert P. Hadley, Dr. Walter A. Sedelow, Amherst; Joseph F. Klimoski, Mrs. Osborne C. West, Atty. Edwin M. Podolak, Hadley.

Also present were Dr. and Mrs. James L. Huntington of Hadley and Aubrey Butler of Northampton, a director of the corporation.

TOBER 15, 1956.

FORTY ACRES TO BE FEATURED ON TELEVISION

HADLEY — Dr. James L. Huntington, curator of Forty Acres, the historical old Porter-Phelps-Huntington mansion here, will appear on "Western Massachusetts Highlights" over WWLP-TV, Channel 22 tomorrow at 7:15 p.m.

After presenting a brief history of the eighteenth century house, Dr. Huntington will show seven exterior and interior slides and display a few historic family possessions from the home.

As he shows the 1714 pewter tankard and 1700 knife and fork, he will tell about their original owner, Samuel Porter, the first child born in the town of Hadley. He will speak of Moses Porter as he shows the sword and scabbard that his ancestor held when he was killed in 1755. Charles Phelps will come into the picture when Dr. Huntington displays his Sheffield punch ladle, circa 1770.

Florence Richardson

He left us early in September. As the summer progressed Genevieve found her manner got harder and harder. Wrelle proved to be a perfect tyrant and the fact that his wife really ran the office did not make it any easier. Finally there was so much friction that Mr. Wrelle fired Genevieve in a most outrageous manner. Just then a vacancy occurred in the Controllers Office at Mount Holyoke College. Genevieve applied and was accepted at once and began her work almost at once, some 3 weeks before the opening of the fall terms. Hearing of the plight the Bursten department at

the College was in decline of difficulty in finding help. Genevieve just is a word for Florence and she was installed at once and they seemed to be a festive three. She is a splendid maker but her disposition is as rabbit as ever and she is ugly as sin to have around but Genevieve hopes that the really handsome gay she is getting will improve her behavior — I hope so. Its return to academic life for she likes her days, as rather queer, in Amherst as the Telephone Office just does wonders for Genevieve and she is so thoroughly enjoying her work that it is a joy. Genevieve personally has — it was a challenge that at utterly upheaved her and try as she has her efficient methodical but utterly heartless Howell creatures and the hateful way in which he served her, she is delighted that he did and that now she can make his engagement announcements and make a real position for herself for she is very much on her own.

Of course her tears made to Marie and Paul and their plans to leaving Pelham and going to Richmond to live. The only thing here early in July but promotion was not to be taken until August 1st. Marie failed steadily. He planned to fly (to move efficient and more important town) but the doctor said that because of the altitude it would be dangerous unless they could get Marie pressure up to 42%. She went to the hospital for transfusions but they could only get it to 87% so fly was out. The boys took much of the furniture, they sold a lot with the house, or brought it to their friends and they stored the rest that they could not sell here in New York. There pieces the boys will eventually take. They left for Richmond on the last day of July. Joe went with a good type a day before — Marie was up and about but shocking pale and frail and pale. Fortunately David and his lovely wife were there and we really had almost a cheery time but we all knew — I feel sure, certainly Genevieve and I did — that we would never see Marie again. The boy was wonderful. David met with them in the train and just them in the Broadway tube train at 72nd Street. Billy came down at Baltimore and went to Richmond with them. They made the trip very comfortably and Marie seemed actually a little better for a few days but failed very rapidly and died almost exactly a month after leaving Pelham. Paul has found very pleasant connections in the great church almost next door to where they live. He Genevieve is really a great help to his sister-in-law in her big apartment there and I feel sure that Richmond will be his home.

I was invited to attend the "First Conference of Motion Picture Officials" in Jacksonville Sept. 27 and 28th. I went and had a very valuable time. I saw a lot of Suzette Hart (Sally's first cousin) the divorced wife of Chauncey. She was greatly interested in the movie. I made other valuable connections and thoroughly enjoyed my two days.

Late December I had considerable swelling of my feet and ankles and puffed a good deal in addition. I found that I weighed 224. I put myself in the care of Dr. Jones at Hotel Hamptons / Hays Tatlock, associate. Dartmouth, Harvard Medical School, Ex. G. His pupil of Paul Whites and the Lahey Clinic. He put me on a rigid low Sodium diet and I stuck to it with very little leeway steadily until I got to 185 — my low in the 'diet' every morning on my accurate office scales. He told I was with the Patterson and out of town I lost a great deal of sea foods — whether or not that brought on the cause — I developed gout early in June! I realized that I had had mild symptoms for many months & one mild attack in my wrist but this was a humdinger! My entire wrist purple to the size of my left big toe! I was not at all sick but the pain was terrific! They found my uric acid figure was 10! 5.5 is the high for normal. Well of course this cut out all my sea foods and

almost everything else! But I manage to get along with less meat + fish a little more of my 2 or them fine head and very tasty. I had another attack July 4th — not quite so bad but lasted longer + I then went to Wolfeboro on the Prates-wagon although could not tell me that there was no actual proof that electrics had any effect on gout — I felt after that given I wanted to play it safe. However with low meat attacks and my check up Sept 8 showing a uric acid figure of 5.7 I have taken liberties, esp. after hearing from Arthur Bryan who also had a high uric acid, with my alcohol intake. After this particularly the meeting of the PD.H.H on Sept. 29. I was asked to officiate on television for W.W.L.P. Channel 22 on Tuesday Oct. 16. We knew it was a hard place to find so on Sunday the 14th we went down to Ligonier found the place — the city of really a cross-roads — and as it was late stopped at the Jameson Inn at Latrobe for a real spree. Mrs. Williams was too heavy to come out to see us but sent an invitation for each time which I accepted for my second, tomorrow having had been declined! We really had a grand evening. Then on Tuesday we went back — very early so as to be there in plenty of time (5:30) to go on "Lunch" which we had in the car and then went into the studios for the rehearsal I must have been a bit tense for I never was quite sure whether after the rehearsal had the actual program was over with us or not. I did not feel hurried at all, I knew I was going to have plenty of time and I did! (see p. 165).

The Lord's car has demonstrated and brought to the fore a really great power in the P. P. H. House & me. and that is Art Mueller. Of Hatfield. With his training as a banker and then in the field of advertising — a born salesman he took up photography as a hobby. All these he knew how to turn his passionate interest in Poetry, Music and etc. preservation. Though him we have not only had just lately throughout the entire area on New England and New York State that he covers, but we have had tape recordings and perfect colored slides and photographs but also a remarkable exhibit in the Bank in East Hampton and just lately in the press. He is now Vice President of P. P. H. Inc.

The Corporation — that is the 4 incorporators are the only men qualified by our Charter to actually transact business; i.e. receive the deed of gift etc. From by our charter constitute a quorum, & of our body of 24 — the 4 original incorporators, 3 of 4 reside in the Valley and 3 of 4 in the Boston area. Only a quorum can conduct business. As the 3 Boston members were not fully along in their severalties and could hardly be expected to come to Valley or its environs and as the members here in the Valley could hardly be expected to make the trip to Boston when all occasions arise, and as two of the four incorporators here and about were over 75 years of age — it became imperative to increase our membership while we still had a quorum to transact business. The four members in the Boston area readily recognized the situation and promptly resigned. The local incorporators met and elected Elsa Brown, Alfred Mueller and David N. G. Washington to fill three of the four vacancies. Mueller has accepted enthusiastically and so has David (Oct. 22, 1956) and I have no doubt that Elsa Brown will.

On Oct. 15th there was a meeting of the Local Dartmouth men at the Grand Jaffrey Amherst Inn. In spite of the fact that I had to officiate on television the next night I yielded to an insistent demand and told the story of the beginnings of the modern movies. The time is the 1890's. Brattle Hall, Tuckers advent with the sweeping changes that he soon published and the apprenticeship of Hazleton. About 18 fellows were there and took keen interest.

About Oct 20th Frederick Shaw & Laura Seales came over to tea and we had a delightful time. Both looked and seemed very well. They are planning to go to Florida just after Thanksgiving.

Over a year ago I began to notice cloudy & impaired vision in my right eye. Then later one quite a bit but it certainly is not getting any worse and Dr. Bick says that it certainly has not reached a stage where operation should be considered.

Mary Lee's long time friend Arthur Bryan has had a very fine summer — it was cold & little sunshine to speak of and he really suffered and ended up this

summer in the Hatfield - My last letter from him showed real improvement and he was speaking at a big dinner but he hesitates to plan on my 55th reunion in Hanover next June. And now I think I am really up to date. Yesterday Oct. 21 Dr. Iris Jones Ph.D. the head of the New York Historical Society, whom we got to know and love at Conference last September and Chairman of the awards Committee that so honored me last year - came to Forty Acres for a 2 hours visit. Both he and his wife were simply overwhelmed with what we had to offer and most enthusiastic about our progress and our plans for the future. The house is virtually closed for the season but as we have had a touch of Indian Summer - in spite of the fact that the water is turned off - I am still keeping an eye out for visitors and will take any more things that I can find for this weather. On Oct 20th we had one of the hottest days of the season & visitors!

I really intend from now on to follow the customs of my great-great-Grandmother and make a weekly entry starting it from a Sunday.

With imagination and a great deal of work, Dr. James Lincoln Huntington planned and executed his ideas of a sunken garden in the huge cellar hole left on his Seven Acres on River Rd., Hadley, when the barn was moved. Transported to the center of Hadley years ago, it was relocated behind town hall and is the famous Farm Museum, housing items collected by the late Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hadley and his brother Henry. This small portion of the barn's original ground floor contains a delightful pool (behind the doctor) and is part of integrated paths and steps wandering through varied plantings of flowers, ferns and shrubs.

Thos was taken by the Gazette a few days before this p. 164

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Nov. 5th

Since my last entry I have been down to Boston, attended Lincoln Memorial Battlefield. Had lunch with Ben Tapley, Tom Matthews, Carl Haverlin and acted as a Tercon to let play. I stayed with Mrs. Murray Forbes in Beacon Place. On my return Nov. 2 I had a long trip back as the train schedule was changed during my 3 day stay in Boston and from Greenfield had to come up to Greenfield to get one. Then there was the big voting election with Eisenhower triumphant. I referred above to Dr. Jones visit to Forty Acres. I received a very remarkable letter from him in praise of the house - just one concluding sentence I am recording here "I am almost sure for your endowment as greater than I can put in paper."

We are planning for a meeting of the Incorporators next Monday (a holiday Nov. 12 - a luncheon affair and I am offering my deed of gift for the old house and surrounding land and the contents of the house.

Nov. 11

Frank Moore came over and surveyed the land we propose to give to the Incorporators on Monday. Perfectly cold I almost froze helping him.

Hi!
Here's how you looked on TV!
We thought you might like to have this
souvenir of your recent appearance on
Western Massachusetts
HIGHLIGHTS!

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HALLOWEEN

will be celebrated at the Tavern Club on Thursday, November 1st, at seven-thirty o'clock.

The Bowl will be wreathed in the lower hall, following which the ceremony of **Lating the Witches** will be performed and **Meum Est** will be sung, as we go up to dinner.

After dinner, in the upper hall, the Tavern Club Players will present three one-act prize plays, as follows:

DINNER CHEZ PHILLIPE
by
François Monpensier

THE GOLDEN GOOF
by
The Brothers Grimm

THE LAST STRAW
by
Gammels Bacque

Lawrence Langford
Richard Warren
F. Murray Forbes.
JWA

These three plays were adjudged the best of the seven submitted in the competition which closed on September 10th.

At the conclusion of the third play the audience will select the winner, by secret ballot; the author's real name, which up to that moment will have been known to the Secretary only, will be disclosed and he will be awarded the grand prize, the

Bruin for 1956

Suitable prizes will be awarded to the runners-up, and to the cast of the winning play.

Black ties, with Club waistcoats and medals.

Members only, no guests.

Please reply promptly on the enclosed post card or sign the list at the Clubhouse.

JOHN W. AMES, JR.,
Secretary.

October, 1955.

Nov. 13/54 A meeting of the Incorporators of the P.P.H. Ass. was held at the Hotel Northampton a quorum of (4) Abbey Bartlett, Ella Brown, Alfred Bartlett & myself a letter from Edward who could not be present was read. It was voted unanimously to accept any deed of a gift for the 1954 portion of the road & surrounding land as presented with the understanding that the details would be worked out later and confirmed by deed.

On my return home I learned that John Duffy (Uncle Jeffie's and Alice Cunningham's adopted son) was killed in an auto accident Wednesday night before last. Cecil was with us as usual all day Saturday.

Nov. 18/54 Woke up to find the ground white with snow temp. just freezing — and snowing hard. The snow stopped before noon but it stayed cold.

Nov. 19 Flurry. 19 this morning. Rec'd a telegram from Ned Bartlett saying that his sister, my playmate and classmate in Hanover High School days, died suddenly. We had very good times together at our 50th Reunion — & earlier ones 45th & Reunions in Hanover.

Nov. 22 For the second time in its history Forty Acres has been visited by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts Ray Williams — the first one I ever had one. The previous Visitor was 150 years ago (see Field Book). Yes Ray was on his honeymoon with his lovely bride Katherine (Crosby) Allen — 3 fine daughters. We talked of Greg. Margaret whose death was in the morning paper (Greg, Ray & my brother Fred were classmates at Harvard 1912) and I showed them my frog cane that Greg made for me out of a rattling Old Pat Russell friend on Pleasant Hill years ago. It is bitterly cold temp. reads 11 this morning. This visit was on Sunday Nov. 18. On Thanksgiving we had our Holiday dinner with the boys from Watson — Capt. Hilliard, Lucius Perry and Byron they also entertained two delightful South girls.

Dec. 2/54 Took morning train to Boston for the meeting of the Old Colonial & Pyramid Travel Club at the City Center Hotel in Boston — as next to the senior member I was the (pro.) guest of honor. 21 out of a possible 26 were present and of absent 12 wives. We had a wonderful 3 days. It began at the Manse in South Hadley Falls on Saturday night — Mrs. Mason is Charlie Galloway's daughter and I brought their only child into the world. Charlie and his wife and Mr & Mrs. Mason senior were there we had a great time other guests at the party were Edward and Mrs. Hazen our neighbors Ted Hazen was a Hanover boy — his parents and sisters were my intimate friends of my boyhood. Charlie and his wife came to Boston by train and arrived a couple hours after I reached the Hotel.

We all went out to Arthur Hertig's for a delicious roast pork dinner when we got back to the Hotel "Jo Young" Jr Master of Ceremonies and I joined the Waves of Richard and the Dragon's Breath Jr and told stories and sang until about 1 A.M. I went out to see Uncle Howard Lottie Field and took our Christmas presents. I joined the boys at lunch at the Boston Lying in Hospital and went with them to the Mass. Gen. then back to the Hotel. Bess dropped in and met several of the boys. That night we entertained 21 Boston doctors at dinner at the City. I sat next to my old friend Dr. Estabrook Eades who often - either wife for me and assisted at deliveries. He has a daughter at Mount Holyoke — a senior. Went out to Lynn — in the morning and met the ladies — Mary above my head but got a lot of pleasure out of them just the same. Back to the Hotel for long business meeting. Decided to have next meeting in San Francisco. The club dinner at night was a great affair the waves were all there and told their usual stories and the Ballad of Chambers Street in stride and liked them all. I went out to Lynn in the next morning and got my Nancy Grahame and the Ballad for a tape recording. I had a wonderful time. To bed at 1:30 for my wife my Long talk with Ned Bartlett, Johnny Johnston, Stein Gray cadets and the others and then delightful hours with the Eldridges Douglas' and Mason. Went to the Parker for lunch saw Swanson, he certainly is not well. I felt very anxious about him, also Brainard Forbes.

Got home good before 5 morning got to bed — it is good to be home.

December 8/56 Went to Hartford for Church supper with Al + Lorena Waller. Very good time. We have decided to pay off the mortgage and cash in on our Life Insurance Policies. Also to open 2 rooms as a real living room with bookshelves and carpet.

Dec. 19 Mortgage is paid off! Had a very satisfactory time with Al. Waller and Bill Dwyer — feel sure that the 9 inspectors will accept my deed of gift at the meeting scheduled with Mrs. D might on Jan 29th, as they made definite pleas. Ed. Bunyan has been working here for past 2 days painting + papering 2 inner rooms to make it a real living room — shelf covers for books, small & wall floor covering, & book cases. We hope to have it finished by New Years day at latest. It has been bitterly cold 9° above this morning. Have had two heavy snowfalls recently plowing out there is some 6 inches of hard packed frozen snow on the level — real Winter.

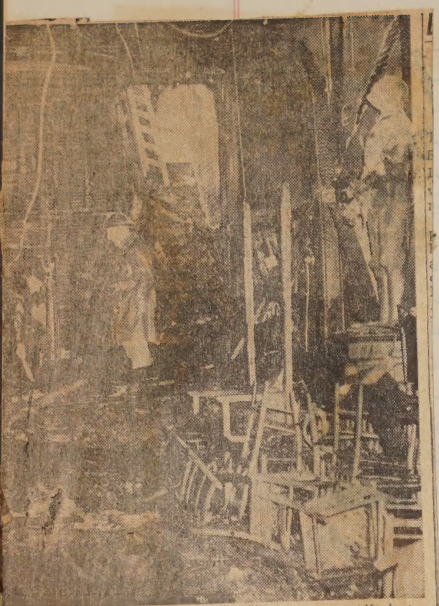
Dec. 20 Matty O'Connor men came this afternoon; measuring and planning for carving radiator and putting on book shelves. Finding that they had left on hour on their hands I got them to take off plaster and see what was under the South wall of the K kitchen in the old house. It's a puzzle to me. Over the huge stone that covers the entire width of the huge fireplace there is nothing to suggest parade — merely plain boards (matched) just as with German and many nails — lower end of these boards were evidently covered by some sort of wood work or shelf. I am not sure that it was wise to take them off for they pretty clearly were the original but they were in terrible condition. Cracked and covered with paint, modern plaster work with nails. I saved the boards and I must get Matty back over if and when we are to fix up the kitchen for a show room.

Dec. 21 My Mother would be 105 years old today! Matty men have been working all day putting in book shelves — have about half a days more work to do to finish.

Dec. 29 Our 12 wedding anniversary. The book cases are all in place and many books already in place. Pending of course all painted yesterday, some waiting for rugs and drapes. Today was held in Mrs. D Wright's home a meeting of the seven inspectors of P.O.H. Trade. All were present, Mrs. Dwight, Eliza Brown, Audrey Bettis, Alfred Waller, Bill Dwyer, David L. Whaley Jr and myself. David and I very came up from Jamestown and Mary stayed here with Warrior while David and I went to the meeting. The 9 inspectors voted unanimously to accept the deed of gift of the land surrounding the 1752–1799 portion of the house also a bill of sale of the ancestral furnishings in the house. It is understood that details will be worked out by a Committee of three and if agreement is impossible that the house land and contents of the house will be deeded back to me. The Committee of three consists of Bill Dwyer, Al Waller and myself. We also voted to attempt to change the name of Pardee-Rose-Wheeler-Stow House to Pardee-Rose-Wheeler Tavern. Cold foggy raining — this has been our lot for the better part of a week. 8 inches of snow remain and it is running more as I write at 7 P.M. After our meeting adjourned we all went to the Dwyers & Smiths to lunch as guests of Mrs. D Wright. Heard from Sister today that the Bonnie Brae players have purchased the theater so it is saved for at least the present.

Jan. 17/57 Today is Babette's 82 birthday. We still are not fully settled yet in our 'living room' the shelves are all filled with books — and it really is a great comfort to have them close at hand — and our beautiful rug, which matches the paint and paper perfectly, as does the drapes and chair covers have yet to come but the cold has been terrific. This is the severest Winter I have ever known in Massachusetts. We have not seen a square foot of bare ground since before Christmas and now the hard packed snow is nearly a foot deep on the level and piled high beside the driveways. It is perfectly beautiful especially by the clear light of the full moon. The temperature has been only below Zero morning after morning. Sally Sawyer Chapin brought little Sara (13 weeks old and 5 lbs) over from her mothers home — she is down from Wagner Hall for a few days visit. The baby is a splendid specimen and looks quite like one side of the family.

Jan 18 Temp. 22+ below Zero this A.M. (nearly 23 below) coldest I have ever seen the thermometer in Massachusetts.



A SUIT OF ARMOR and a few chairs were all that withstood flames that ruined Boston's famed Tavern Club early yesterday. Irreplaceable paintings also were lost in the three-alarm blaze.

ire Loss Called Inestimable

Tavern Club Members Probe Ashes for Lost Art Objects

Proper Bostonians in business ...its poked through fire-blacked wreckage at 4 Boylston ...l, downtown, yesterday to ...alvage what they could from the three-alarm blaze that ruined their historic Tavern Club in the early morning hours.

The fire destroyed the upper floors of the old brick building and made ashes of irreplaceable paintings, other art objects, and ...d mementoes.

LOSS IMMEASURABLE

Members said the damage would run to many thousand dollars, but they pointed out that the actual loss could not be measured in terms of money.

Destroyed were original paintings by Duveneck, Dennis Bunker, Gardner Cox, Leslie P. Thompson, R. H. Ives Gammell and others.

Also lost were sculptures by Bela Pratt, a pewter service dating from Revolution and an antique silver service, among other rare objects.

Forty-five other art items, including 15 oil paintings, were salvaged and taken to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts for restoration.

Among these was an original portrait by John Singer Sargent, regarded as highly valuable. Museum officials said it was damaged by smoke and water but could be restored.

FIRST FLOOR SPARED

The blaze spared only the first floor of the venerable club, formed 70 years ago for the "promotion of literature, drama, music, science, art and other civic purposes." Ability to engage in the "graces of good talk" is a requisite of membership.

One of the nation's most exclusive clubs, its membership list of 200 includes, among other notable names, those of Sen. Saltonstall, Gov. Herter, Ambassador Lodge, Archibald MacLeish, Nelson Aldrich, Gen. Robert Cutler, John P. Marquand and Walter Lippman. Herald cartoonist Frank Dahl and columnist Rudolph Elie also are among its members.

Police said the fire broke out shortly before 2:30 A.M. in a cellar at the rear of a gift shop at 144 Boylston St., near Park square.

FLAMES SPAN ALLEY

Flames leaped across an alley and spread into the second-floor dining room of the club. They worked quickly up into a small theater on the third floor and into storage room on the fourth.

The fire also damaged the outside wall of the adjoining Hi-Da-Way restaurant.

It spared other rooms of the club, including four bedrooms for transient members and the billiard room, to which members hurried yesterday to see if their private cues had been damaged.

The cues were found safe, as was also a set of billard balls described as "one of the most valuable in the United States."

The wine cellar and basement kitchen also escaped serious damage.

Less fortunate was the antiquarian library on the first floor, where 2000 books of "great value" were damaged by water.

Lost beyond repair were hundreds of prized mementoes and autographs, including that of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Since its founding under William Dean Howells, the Tavern Club has been host to hundreds of distinguished guests.

Gen. MacArthur had spoken there and Sir Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden had been dinner guests.

As famous as the club itself is its situation. Boylston place, really an alley, was the site of Boston's first public library building, and the city's first private school, and the place of residence of Julia Ward Howe, author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

1956

On Thursday evening, December 20, one hundred and ten Taverners joined in our traditional celebration of Christmas.

The final curtain of the Christmas play proved to be the final curtain for our club house, as we have known it over the years. At one-thirty on Saturday morning, fire from an adjacent building entered the club dining room, spreading rapidly upward through the building.

Contrary to newspaper reports, many of our cherished paintings and other treasures were saved. Taverners who had heard reports of the fire rushed to the scene and worked hard and long. Paintings from the ground floor, where water damage was the chief problem, are now in safe keeping at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

The billiard room and the bedrooms above were saved by automatic fire doors installed by a farsighted Tavern administration a few years ago.

Insurance, which was increased in recent years, will cover the depreciated value of the club house.

It is obvious that rebuilding will be expensive and require a generous outpouring of funds from our membership.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Executive Committee met on Monday, December 24, and took immediate steps toward rebuilding.

Until debris is cleared away and engineering studies are made, it will be impossible to estimate reconstruction costs.

As an immediate step, the Tavern Reconstruction Fund has been established. Taverners are urged to send immediately gifts or pledges to

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Jan 4/57

HIRE GAZETTE, NORTHAMP

At a recent meeting of the members of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, it was voted to change the name of the corporation, so that it will more clearly disclose that it is a charitable foundation. Members also voted to accept a gift from Dr. James Lincoln Huntington of the historic house known as Forty Acres and its contents. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. William G. Dwight of Holyoke.

Dorothy Feldman Sings Sunday

AMHERST — On Sunday, July 7, from 3 to 5 p.m. will be the first musicale of the summer session at Forty Acres in Hadley. The soloist will be Dorothy Ornest Feldman, well-known Amherst soprano. Her program of early English songs: Wraggle Taggle Gypsies, The Cuckoo, The Crystal Spring, My Bonny, Bonny Boy and Oh, No, John!

Later she will sing Flow Gently, Sweet Afton, Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes, Take, Oh Take Those Lips Away and It Was a Lover and His Lass.

Her concluding selections will be My Lovely Celia, Mary of Allendale, Come, Let's Be Merry, Phillis Has Such Charming Graces, Shepherd, Thy Demeanor Vary.

TAVERN CLUB

The President's Address to New Members

We welcome you tonight into the friendship of the Tavern. I should be the last to define a good Taverner. The mold was broken before the Tavern Club was formed. But the best Taverners are those who are like no one else. We have no type, which makes the work of the Elections Committee difficult.

How were you elected? Ah, how were any of us elected. Better men than we have been turned down. We seem to have got along very well without standards. Our artistic, spiritual, and social demands seem to be summed up in one Eighteenth Century epitaph:

"Blond, passionate, and deeply religious, she was second cousin to the Earl of Leitrum and of such are the Kingdom of Heaven."

Anyone reading the funeral oration of Pericles must be struck by two things. He has little to say of the possessions of Athens nor of its resources for peace and war, but only of its people; and his praise of the people is praise not of the things they can do, but of the things in which they believe, the things to which their minds and spirits attach.

Like all who have become members in the last forty years, you are entering the Club at a time when we are at a low ebb. We can only say that we like you and hope that you will like us. We are an association of gentlemen who know when to unbend. Why haven't we been changed beyond repair by war and economic upheaval? Probably because of good fellowship and friendship, sympathy in

January 3, 1957

Congratulations To Us And Them

Provincetown is to be congratulated, as well as Virginia Thoms and Catharine Huntington, co-managers of the Provincetown Players, upon the happy outcome of the effort to keep the little theatre on the wharf at Gosnold Street for use as a Summer theatre instead of being sold to interests that would have turned it into a gift shop of which the town already has such an abundance.

Unquestionably our Wharf Theatre is one of our top-ranking season attractions and its setting alone makes it unique among Summer playhouses of the country. Where else could O'Neill plays be given with the varied overtones of the sea which added inspiration to their writing! Where else can an audience, between acts, breathe the good salt air. Look at the stars and twinkling harbor lights of the Cape End!

The present managers of the theatre group have been presenting their Summer programs since 1940 and they know pretty well, just what the visitor wants. Now that they are the owners of the physical property they will feel a new confidence in the future. We hope in the not too far distant future they will be able to enlarge the theatre so that it will be able to take care of the increasing number of patrons.

In the meantime we are all wishing them much happiness and great success.

caugh... ... ... New York.

Catherine Huntington of the Provincetown Players flew round-trip from Boston to Provincetown and return last Thursday as a guest of Provincetown-Boston Airline as its contribution in the efforts to retain the Playhouse as such in Provincetown. The trip was highly successful from all points of view with the passenger being delighted with her first ride.

More of the headaches of the airline business were pointed up sharply on Friday morning when nine persons were booked to Boston on the morning flight in a Lockheed. Came flight time and only three of the nine showed up. PBA is going to insist on advance ticketing on all other than regular passengers. Many of the "no-shows" held continuing space out of Boston which fouled up the other carriers also.

PROVINCETOWN, MASS. THURS

New Owners of Wharf Theatre

Virginia Thoms

Catherine Huntington

Villain Foiled, Wharf Playhouse Saved As Bank Steps In With Mortgage Loan

Catherine Huntington and Virginia Thoms, co-managers of the Provincetown Playhouse on the wharf at the foot of Gosnold Street since 1940, had a few very bad hours last week when it appeared that they might lose this most unusual site for their Summer theatre rated among the most famous of the country.

The property, long held by the Heinrich Pfeiffer family, had been for sale for some time and it had been the firm intention of the managers to ultimately meet the price of $12,000 which would make the wharf, theatre and adjoining shed their own. However, on Christmas Eve Miss Huntington received a message from Chester Pfeiffer who is in St. Augustine, Florida with his father and mother, that an offer had been received from other interests willing to meet the price and that the property would be sold for gift shop use although the owners greatly preferred having it go to the Players for continued use as a theatre.

The company had $6,000 available and Miss Huntington decided to make a quick trip to Provincetown to see what, if anything, could be done in raising the other $6,000. Making her first plane trip, she was the guest of the Provincetown - Boston Airline president John C. Van Arsdale on the Boston round trip.

At first it was feared that there might be technical difficulties in arranging a loan as Miss Huntington said she had been unable to obtain a first mortgage before on the grounds that Playhouse buildings and wharf would be used for commercial purposes. However, this detail was quickly ironed out and the loan arranged through the Seamen's Savings Bank and the deal is being closed with the Pfeiffer family with less than a week to spare.

Various Cape End civic leaders and others interested in the cultural development of the town marked the satisfactory conclusion in saving the Playhouse with a telegram of New Year greetings and appreciation to the Pfeiffer family in St. Augustine. It follows:

"All public spirited Provincetown citizens join us in wishing you a Happy New Year and in gratefully congratulating you for the loving interest you have shown in our town by your recent sale of the Wharf Theater property. By the preservation of the Wharf Theater in Provincetown, you perpetuate our cherished heritage of art and culture."

The telegram is signed by John C. Van Arsdale, president of the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce; James V. Coyne, Jr., town manager; Francis A. Santos, chairman of selectmen; Frank D. Henderson, selectman; Fred W. Rogers, president, Provincetown Civic Association; Joseph Hawthorne, conductor, Provincetown Symphony Society Inc.; Mrs. Manuel Macara, president, Nautilus Club; Mrs. Beaty V. Davis, president, Parent-Teacher Association, and Mrs. Natalie Grace Patrick, secretary, trustees Public Library.

Feb. 9/57

On Jan 31. G. Lewis and I showed the slides & the Lions Club of Holyoke — It was more or less of an emergency affair as Mr. Babbitt, Genevieve's boss, was asked to someone for the day and was delighted to accept her suggestion that we fill in. I went down with her in the morning and worked in the Library at the college in old papers in Northampton and Amherst, then we went to the Hotel in Holyoke and were very handsomely served and faced a most interested audience. It was fun. That same night we had a farewell party for one of our Red Cross unit — Elizabeth Wood who had been with the unit for over a year and is now joining the Boston Red Cross Center. The dinner was at Totos in Holyoke and we all had a great time.

I again filled in for the last minute showing the slides to a small but deeply interested group in West. Feb. 6.

Dr. James L. Huntington of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in Hadley gave an interesting talk, illustrated by slides of his home, at the Ann Judson Guild meeting held in First Baptist Church last night. Dr. Huntington substituted for the Dr. Stephen Brown family who couldn't appear due to illness. He also spoke of the need for funds to preserve the historic mansion.

Feb. 11

G. Lewis went down to Winchester and to a farewell party at Androscoggin for one of her old co-workers at the Lawrence Telephone Office. She had to make a long day of it because of our evening engagement.

Earle told the old house anecdotes and showed my slides and told the story of Forty Acres to the Women's Club of Amherst. Very good attendance and much interest shown. Mrs. Thomas Williams — wife of Merle's doctor — presided and we had a pleasant talk about Cooperstown New York there for our home.

Feb 26/57

We have been very busy about our new appeal. Ed Mullen and I went to the Lott and packed out the photographs for the slides but the Denton Quarterly of Holyoke valley designed it and printed 5000 copies for us. Imagine our surprise on Feb. 20th we have been hard at work addressing, filling and stamping these appeals and have sent out nearly 2000 already!! We feel very happy about them and hopeful for the success of this campaign.

New York State Historical Association
Cooperstown, New York

LOUIS C. JONES
DIRECTOR

November 6, 1956

Dear Doctor Huntington:

We have thought a great deal about the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House and talked about it endlessly. Forty Acres is, it seems to me as it stands today, a great human document. Quite apart from the wonderful collection of furniture, decorative arts and paintings and quite apart from its fascinating architectural details, it gives, as few houses that I have known give, a sense of the continuing flow of human life through its doors. I think I have a somewhat faint idea of what all this has cost you in sacrifice and love. These are not qualities that should be wasted in this world and my feeling is that your expenditure has been worth while, that you have done a proud and valuable work. Our admiration for your achievement is greater than I can set down on paper.

Aggie and I had a rich and busy two weeks. We saw a great many art collections and museums, did a great many things, all of them interesting, but the one we will not forget is the three hours we spent as your guests.

With profoundest admiration and gratitude,

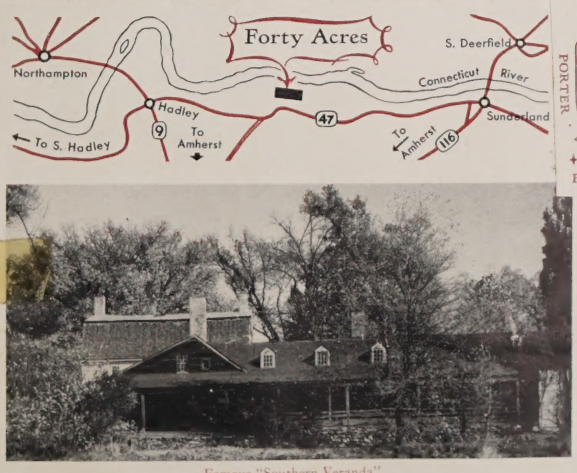
Louis C. Jones
Director

LCJ:W

This letter from which we quote with pride, comes to a tenth generation of a family whose ownership of the estate has never been broken throughout these many years.

* Louis C. Jones, Director of Cooperstown Annual Seminar in Historic Housekeeping.

Mar. 13. The campaign is just three weeks on tomorrow and already we have taken in over $650 — more than $150. over our total expenses including postage. Besides this we have added more than 20 to our list of members. Yesterday was mild and today is really warm 63 at 8 o'clock in the early A.M. I saw a robin hopping about outside of the house. The pussy's have come in fat bulbs. I heard a cardinal on my way to the mail this morning and this P.M. a huge flock of snow bunkers filled our trees. I drove my class tomorrow to the Amherst Rotary (Sarah's topic) they talk went very very well a lot of questions and many enthusiastic after it was over. Our campaign is progressing now well over $250 above expenses. But we are still awaiting the Angel that will make our plans come true — that is our $10,000. But we are not discouraged!!



Famous "Southern Veranda"

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FOUNDATION

We wish to thank you for appearing on our program. It was very generous of you to share your time and talents with us. We appreciate it most sincerely.

Amherst, Mass. Rotary Club

History Of Old Hadley Buildings Recalled

These old buildings—made into apartments many years ago—on West St., in Hadley, have changed little since they were built and operated by descendants of the town's first settler, Samuel Porter. The house, built in 1808, was a girls' school and the store, an older structure, dispensed pills and merchandise to many successive local generations. Comparison with an old stereopticon picture discloses only minor changes prior to their abandonment and sale by the Porters before the turn of the century.

By DOROTHY POTTER

The two large, gracious white clapboard houses and the smaller, square edifice between them have been a triumvirate on Hadley's elm-studded West St. since the one at 22 West St. was built in 1808. They and three others once located between them and Russell St. were constructed by descendants of Samuel Porter, one of the town's first settlers who left Connecticut in 1659 because of religious disputes.

He built "Forty Acres" on River Dr., which is occupied by his descendant, Dr. James Lincoln Huntington. In 1713, Samuel's grandson, Eleazer Porter, built the house now occupied by the McQueston family. It is the oldest house in Hadley. The square building was erected next —though the exact date isn't available—and was used as a store. Little is written or remembered about it and the youngest house of four floors which was a fashionable girls' school known as "The Elms."

A few Hadley residents recall hearing bits of information from their parents and grandparents about the school which was conducted by the charming and capable Miss Charlotte Porter. At the peak of its popularity, 30 girls, the majority from other states, attended classes in the big house with four rooms to a floor, all heated by fireplaces. Some of the young ladies lived there, too, and the balance slept in other of the nearby Porter houses.

Informants recall hearing about the tin bathtub on the third floor which was filled with hot water carried in pails from the first floor kitchen. Two servants lived in an attached ell, long since torn down, and there was a storage cellar for ice. In summer food was lowered into the wet sawdust covering the chunks of ice cut from the Connecticut River.

The students skated on the ice formed in the hollows of the fields to the east and had a gay time coasting down the slopes onto the same fields.

Hadleyites have heard of the large farm in a cluster of outbuildings, torn down long before they were born, where hogs, cows, hens and other livestock was raised, and vegetables, too, for the school.

Miss Porter transferred The Elms to Springfield in the early 1880s where it continued to be a success but was eventually discontinued.

A resident who worked at the girls' school in Hadley told his son about hand sawing and carrying 35 cords of wood for the fireplaces and stoves in one winter. There were stoves in the large, spacious halls and six fireplaces in the mammoth rooms.

The beautiful house, made over into apartments soon after it was sold by the Porter family, still contains the original stairways with black walnut balustrades which ascend to the third floor. The hurricane of 1938 ripped off the heavy sheet tin roof and wound it around a chimney. The exposed roof was well preserved but was so badly tangled it had to be replaced.

Information garnered about the store—now serving as a two apartment dwelling—is scant and whets the curiosity for more information about the general store, which was at it's zenith when Hadley was 200 years old. The store was well appointed and had handsome black walnut counters and numerous wall cabinets with scores of small drawers. In them were kept the various pills dispensed by Dr. William Porter, who was known to be at the store until 1821, and his successor merchant and druggist James B. Porter, who was followed by William P. Porter who carried on until about 1882.

The prim little West St. store was conducted by the Porters as a mercantile establishment and apothecary until 1890, housing a business started by ancestors in other buildings in 1659. The second floor was used to store merchandise and a large warehouse in the rear, razed years ago, contained products which farmers swapped for the store goods. It is said that many of the residents of fashionable Round Hill in Northampton drove to the Hadley store to purchase beautiful silks.

Recently, a woman in New York City was examining the contents of an old family trunk and found old stereopticon pictures among which was one identified as the store and girls' school in Hadley. She thoughtfully sent it to Hadley officials. It shows details which are missing today. The iron shutters on the store and the wooden ones on the house are gone. So is the white picket fence and the store's entry enclosure. Two dormers have been added to the house and the slender elms surrounding both are now thick and tall.

It has been a long time since horses, hitched to carriages and wagons, waited outside the square building with the Porter name on a sign over the doorway.

hour at the week end – Mar. 16th we have clocked in over 750. every week brings in an additional check. Of course we have a long way to go to reach our goal but certainly the returns by town will make the outlay to date. Mild weather continues and the Crocuses are still really here – For 3 days near by camps & town suggest mowings of our fields – especially Veterans Camp. April 17 Since my last note to you I have had many items which should have been entered. Since March 13 we have taken in for our Campaign Will over $700. and added many new names & new routes. On Mar. 23 I went down to Boston and stayed with David until the 25th then with Murray Fisher in Boston until the 27th. Had a wonderful Monday night at the Lincoln – in the absence of the Secretary I presided as I did for 13 years – to a wide awake group. Came back on the 27th to find Florence Beckenham had been here – in fact still was there doing dress work on the place. I have been out with the Red Cross Nurse on April 8th, 9th, 12th & 15th.

I am scheduled to show slides to Hampshire Realtors tomorrow April 18th and I hate to do television – Thurs. 21 & May 3.

David Rhoades has been putting in quite a bit of time cleaning up the place. Should note that we had the pipe in a new septic tank in March – the old, metal, one was completely filled & extremely "rotten" but it was too small. They did a good job & we have no trouble. Certainly this up to

back yard – dept. rents all back of the store. On March 9th May – David with frostbite

born with a fine leg 2on. They have named him James Bennett after my great-great-great grandfather the commander at the Battle of Concord Col. James Bennett.

James Bennett. On Saturday April 20th I went over to Newton Hills and saw the 3 days old leg boy. Found Mary looking very well and the boy James Bennett, as he is to be called is nursing well at the breast and has already gained a pound over his birth weight. On Friday April 26 Alfred Mullen and I went down to Providence after over 4 hours work arrived there getting up in dressing gown and slippers and while he was eating breakfast I saw him last - great strength - he was very ill and cheerful and as keen as ever. Had a very brief call on Bennett. 14 is hardly conscious at all but says that he can walk only very short distances. He is quite deaf and I found my voice getting quite tired after about fifteen minutes. We began getting the house ready for visitors shortly after my return from Providence - in fact we had done some cleaning just before David Plimpton [illegible] Dear and devoted children to dote on and we are well over 300. Have had too many [illegible] of late. Am cutting out all electricity after April 25, I hope forever am convinced that it does not fit into the picture. Tom Colby came up on May 1st and we went over my [illegible] with the Veterans Assn. Negatives on T.V. He seemed most anxious to have it staged as a stimulus to renting the house when the season opens on the 15th.

On May 2 went to Springfield with the Red Cross unit - or rather West Springfield to "Gilbert's". Jerry Higgins [illegible] in charge of the plant and did a fine job of recruiting - we took 230 pints. Should here noted that I judged the Prize Speaking for the "Pan-Hellenic Council of the U. of M." - the inter-Sorority debate of the year. A Mrs Dunbar and Prof Dakin were the other two judges. There were 7 speakers and we were unanimous in the choice of the first four and the first one and all agreed that the next three were so close that it was hard to pick second and third but 2 out of 3 of us agreed on the 2 and 3 but were willing to reverse the order to satisfy the 3rd judge - We really were in almost perfect agreement - deliberated less than five minutes. Was at Bob Jarvis, learned that my Cousin Richard Colburn was in a business trip to the company, re Belgium. On May 3rd I took Spencer to Drury High and went down and picked her up at 4:30 at the College. Took along lunch. She got to the Telecasting Station W. W. L. P. Channel 22 at 5:30 had a brief rehearsal then we had our lunch and I on at 6:30 and I came on at 7:15. It seemed to go very smoothly and Spencer stood up that it was so cold. The house is open - cleaned, [illegible] of roses in every room and we have had six visitors today. The lilacs are in full bloom and never on my recollection, more so fine. On Tuesday last - May 7 - Mr. MacDougall - a State Officer for Agriculture came here to invite me to a luncheon on Friday the 10th, of the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture at the 2nd Hoff. Of course I said that I would go and I impressed the hope that they might come up here after luncheon. After he had gone through the house with me he was so impressed that he said that the Society must come up here particularly as hanging on the wall of Charles Phelps office is his certificate of membership in the Society signed and sealed with the Seal May 21 1792. So that was the year the Society was founded in all probability he was a charter member. The great came up here to see the Farm Museum with the idea of seeking it financially to a greater or less extent. I went early to the Hotel and had a rare experience while waiting for members of the Society to show up. As I was sitting in the lobby who should come in but Robert Frost - Looking older to be sure but still vigorous. I introduced myself and he remembered me. I recalled the dinner given either (Tue) to welcoming guest upon his become Rector of Trinity as Robert Frost was one of the speakers. Then Frost recalled how at the Phillips Brooks when a student there. The came into his room & told him of the birth of his son [illegible] Frost that he wondered if the little fellow knew what sort of a world he was coming into he would have come. Frost replied that he didn't wonder what sort of a world it was any more than when coming in to a tennis court one wonders what sort of a tennis court it is - one wonders only how well he can do in the world or the court.

May 5
May 12

May 12

I had forgotten that Firstness is the simplest thing in the world and he had forgotten that I was the doctor. Then we talked of Sorrows and as a try on 12 I remembered him as an undergraduate. Then we spoke of the beautiful place here. We had a delightful chat and shook hands warmly as he joined the two young men with whom he came. He is a really great man. Soon Mrs. MacDougall came in and told me that two of the members had already arrived viz Mrs Dudley Rogers and we greeted each other affectionately and then I met Stephen Sabine and his wife. Sabine's father was the doctor in Berkeley who brought all the Pierce children into the world and I knew him well. Soon after that Robert Salmon and his wife arrived, I had never met them although I knew his brother Herbert very well. Then Walter Farnwell whom I knew and George and Dorothy West — old friends, finally John Ames whom I did not know and Freddy Winthrop a fellow Sorcerer (wearing his Sycamore tie as did I!) That completed the group except that Roger Johnson and his wife were included. We went down stairs to the charming garden of the Hotel for cocktails Dudley, George and I imbibed Manhattans while the others consumed Martinis. Mrs. Sabine remarked that she had dinner in London Wednesday night. We called it Constant & John. The luncheon was most pleasant. Roger Johnson attempted to tell the story of the barn and Mother Le did it deliberately Le certainly tried to make my share in it as small as possible saying that his father and his uncle were thinking of building a museum overlooking Keene Valley a barn and leaving that I was about to tear my dear old barn down they thought it a pity to have it destroyed so asked me if they might have it for a museum. As I gently and very pleasantly explained to Roger later that the real story was that of a reception given for Mrs Sabine by his Mother in the summer of 1929 just 3 days after I had taken over ownership. Her father asked me if I would allow him and his brother Henry to copy my barn as they considered it the finest example of barn architecture in the Valley. I said that I would be delighted. Thinking it over during that night I felt that it would be a wonderful solution if they could take the barn off my hands as I had no use for it really and it was woefully in need of repair. When I called up to tell Mr Johnson the next morning his first reply was "You haven't changed your mind have You?" When I made him the offer he was overwhelmed and inside of two hours was up here with the Architect Mr Aldrich from Stony Creek and plans were in front of me. After seeing the museum and its possibilities Freddy Winthrop brought me up here. John Ames was very kind and he looked it, and left at once for Boston directly from the Museum.

The others all came up here and the place looked beautifully to Ladies in full glory. They all were most enthusiastic Walter Farnwell said he not only had never seen such a house but he didn't know that such a house existed. I gave copies of Forty acres to Salmon Farnwell, Mrs Dougall, and Winthrop — Dudley and George already had copies. The most remarkable thing was that none of them had ever seen or heard of the certificate of membership and were enormously interested to see that of Charles Peller, with the signatures of Thomas Burnell president and Avery Secretary. The boy brought that has brought millions of dollars to New England in forest fires raging all over New England was broken that evening and it has rained pretty much all the time since Friday night — chiefly light but the total accumulation up to Sunday P.M. must be nearly if not quite 2 inches. It is excessive, what has been very dry for weeks and just the busiest time of the year from now until Commencement — just how early this afternoon I expect to stay with one of his girl friends until Mrs T. Sidney gets back. I certainly shall miss her but will get along.

Dear grandfather
I hope you are feeling well,
and have had a happy Easter.
I Thank you for the present
you gave me.
we went to the Round-
Pond and sailed are boats
With love
From
Anne

my first letter from a grandchild. John's eldest.

1957

Harvard Medical Alumni Association

Alumni Day Committee
Franc D. Ingraham, Chairman
George P. Berry — Thomas H. Lanman
John Rock

Alumni Day
Thursday, May 30

I attended my 50th Reunion at H.M.S. out of 27 living I showed up, Hadley took first Jos Clemens and Geo Riley, fellow House Officers Jos at B.I. I at Geo at M.G.H. Was much impressed with Arch Perry also took more with Dean Berry who was guest of our class at an informal at Harvard Club

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JAMES L. HUNTINGTON

HADLEY

Dr. J. L. Huntington Heads Foundation

HADLEY—Dr. James L. Huntington has been elected president of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation, Inc. Also elected were: Vice president, Alfred C. Muller; treasurer, George B. May; clerk, William E. Dwyer; directors, Helen Stobbe, Walter A. Sedelow Jr., Catherine Huntington, Genevieve Huntington and George B. May.

The curator reported the membership has grown from 218 to 332. The association voted unanimously to ratify the agreement between Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation and Dr. and Mrs. Huntington transferring the 1752-1799 portion of the house on River Dr. with about an acre of land surrounding to the foundation. This establishes the house as a historic house museum independent of any family ties.

The executive committee for the year includes William E. Dwyer, Mrs. Robert P. Hadley, Dr. Huntington, George B. May and Alfred C. Muller.

David + Mary with Paul and Sister came up for the Annual Meeting. Paul and the Rev. Mr. Knight of Amherst conducted the interment of Mama's ashes in the lot Mommy after lunch we went to the Annual Meeting after which David, Mary and little Jane Bennett went back to Huntsville Sister stayed over Sunday and Paul Held the fort while I went to my 50th at H.M.S. Mary gone three days. Paul had me very busy showing the house to 11 visitors.

June 3 Paul went to Huntsville this evening Dohenny taking him to Palmer. He will be back around the Middle of the Month. Genevieve came back from Bristol/Hyde Saturday afternoon and stayed until Sunday P.M. missing only a few Commencement events. She will be back on Wednesday to get ready for our trip to Woodstock Vt. and my 55th Reunion at Dartmouth.

June 10

We had beautiful weather for our Reunion at Hanover — a Woodstock would be more accurate — but so cool that we were thankful to have brought along tweed suits which we wore practically all the time. Hadley was nice and warm when we left after entertaining the Ferre and Ayer family at lunch. Ray met along with us and we made the 104 miles in less than 3 hours — a beautiful ride — North Amherst, Northfield, Bellows Falls Charlestown Springfield and then Woodstock. Several had arrived before we did but we did not really get started until after 6. Had a very pleasant get together at Cocktails — every one seemed very relaxed and cordial. Small tables for dinner and we sat with the Bill Marsden Gentleman

May 3 Mrs Chas. 22 C Iron Colonies

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS Electric COMPANY

Boston Sunday Herald May 19/57

Wears Full Skirt, Frilled White Cap

Hadley Lady Ghost Spins

By FRED BRADY

Dr. James Lincoln Huntington not only lives in a stately ancestral house in Hadley. He owns a stately ghost.

The ghost is a lady who wears "a full skirt of oddly patterned design and frilled white cap perfectly visible in the dark."

This lady ghost is a very lady-like ghost indeed most of the time. The only times she's noisy is when she insists on turning her spinning wheel.

What is she spinning there in the old house when the moonlight streams in and lights a lady who has been dead and gone these hundred years or more?

Dr. James Lincoln Huntington is a man of science and as such does not go in for old wives' tales of spectral fancy. But when he says he has a ghost, he has one.

Retired now, he is remembered in Boston as a most genteel secretary of The Tavern Club. In Cambridge he is remembered as a foremost obstetrician who for years headed the department at the Cambridge Hospital, now the Mt. Auburn Hospital.

Dr. Huntington didn't deliver this ghost. She's been around for ages in the beautiful Porter Phelps Huntington house, which is 202 years old and unique because there has been no structural change in it since 1799.

Mild Umbrage

We might never have heard of Dr. Huntington's ghost except for the fact that not long ago The Sunday Herald printed the mild moanings of my Uncle Banquo who despaired because "there's not a haunted house left in New England."

Miss Barbara Sheehan, executive director of the Pioneer Valley Association, Inc., promptly took a mild umbrage and promptly called Dr. Huntington.

Miss Sheehan's point was this: "In the Porter Phelps Huntington house there is a kindly ghost and her haunt is a charming locale."

Then Dr. Huntington took pen in hand and wrote:

"I was interested and I might say, slightly shaken by your article lamenting the passing of the New England haunted house.

"We still have experiences, both my wife and I as well as guests, of spectral phenomena. We can hardly guarantee that the casual visitor or even a permanent resident will be rewarded by a manifestation.

Described in Book

"Yet, the number of persons who have experienced episodes beyond the realm of 'our philosophy' should refute the statement that The Ghosts have left New England."

Some of the episodes were described by Dr. Huntington in a handsome little book which he did with his old friend, the noted photographer, Sam Chamberlain, a book titled "Forty Acres—the story of the Bishop Huntington house."

In that book Dr. Huntington wrote of his childhood in the old house and said:

"I have seen in the moonlight or the small hours of the morning a latch rise and a door open. I have also been perfectly aware of a presence in an adjoining room and, going in expectantly, found no one.

"Some of us children waked at night to find a figure bending, over the bed, someone whose full skirt of oddly patterned design and frilled white cap were perfectly visible in the dark.

Sounds in Attic

"'Don't mind that,' my aunts would say, 'we have all seen her.'

"Sound of the spinning wheel turning have often been heard coming from the attic. None of these manifestations is actually very startling, but even without the twilight or midnight to help the imagination, in bright sunshine, the sense of the unseen can often seem too much and too near."

The old house is a museum house now and Dr. Huntington serves as curator. When I told my Uncle Banquo about it he said: 'We must go there this summer. Think of a spinning ghost.'"

If you're in Hadley this summer you can drop in and see the old house. More than 1,000 visitors went through the house last summer.

Dr. Huntington said: "Early in May the house will be dusted and in order."

They don't have to dust the white cap immaculate.

But I still wonder what she spins.

HADLEY

Dorothy Feldman To Sing Sunday At Forty Acres

HADLEY — Dorothy Ornest Feldman, well-known soprano, will be the soloist next Sunday, at 4 p.m. at Forty Acres in Hadley. She will sing early English songs in the long room of the historic house. This will mark the opening of the second season of musicales, planned to give people a chance both to view the beautiful 18th century mansion and to hear good music. Curator, Dr. James L. Huntington, says that the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation plans to have musicales each Sunday in July and the first Sunday in August. There will be some chamber music featured and at least one other vocalist.

Mrs. Feldman's great popularity in the area stems partly from her work with the Amherst Opera Company, for which she has sung such roles as Violetta in LaTraviata, Musetta in La Boheme and, most recently, Aemelia in Menotti's Amelia Goes to the Ball. She has also given recitals under the sponsorship of the U. of M.'s Fine Arts Council and German Club. She has been soloist in many churches in the area, in oratorios with groups in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Mt. Holyoke, Amherst, Smith, etc. She has sung with the Hampshire Choral Society and with such symphony orchestras as the Rochester Philharmonic, the Rochester Civic and the New York Philharmonic Orchestras.

Dr. Huntington will serve as guide through the house, which was built in 1752 and has seen no structural changes since 1799. The house is situated in River Rd. in Hadley; drivers turn north at the stop lights at Hadley Center.

Refreshments will be served from 3 to 4 and at 4 the artist will perform. There will be a chance to see the famous house before and after the musical entertainment. Admission will be charged for the maintenance of the historic house museum.

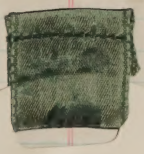
July 7

from the Boston Herald stories about friends Canadians and Cates and much more interestingly of the ways of the chipmunks in our Head Hadley woods.

We went to bed about eleven and as I woke about my usual time I was able to get off a nice long letter to Arthur Ruggles. Saturday was an even more beautiful day than Friday. Breakfasted with Phil Thompson and Beyel Parker had a great time with them. Before we came the class photographer, first the fellows then the whole group (23 men and 16 girls). Then off to Hanover for the alumni lunch. Had a nice call on Fanny Amer at the breakfast place on the Feny Road. Saw Fanny Stone and had a long talk with him. The luncheon was very hectic - no tables and very few chairs and a terrific wait in line before we could get our food & we were quite glad to slip away promptly and Generous spent the rest of the afternoon napping. I think the Bee Hive that night or to Hanover and there that did when they came back. Had nice long talks with Beyel, Julius Arthur Bacon & Frank Moore. In Hanover Watts joined us (just Generous and me) at lunch we three used half a chair as a table. We had a very jolly time over cocktails and Beyel, Generous and I dined together. We elected Watts as president and Arba Ironas Secretary. Both made very impressive talks about the future and I am sure Bill & Officers we will find most satisfactory. We had about an hour of travel movies of College activities and went to bed early. Everyone was up bright and early for breakfast and after saying good bye to me and all Roy, Generous and I hit the trail for home before 9. We came to Shelburne Falls via 112 & 5 but made a bad mistake via Greenfield and came into Shelburne Falls through Colrain, but it was a beautiful bit of country. We found that Doris and Dorothy had enjoyed themselves very well as taking good care of everything - actually only 4 letters until we got back when I had four more that afternoon & then pretty well fogged out. When Hadley was over and Generous was tired that she did not go to Amherst Why she fix to night as she had planned for Lucile coming down from Woodstock she went to Smith Hadley and picked up Florence and all her things for the summer.

June 21 Generous has taken over the supervision of Dickinson House at Amherst Why left for a month and only came back for a few hours very much.

June 25 Paul, David, Mary & Lucile Barrett came up from Boston last Sunday David had to go right back but Mary & the baby have spent the week here - it has been delightful



Dr. Jim Huntington

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Karl and Mrs. Brackett, Julian Cutler Bowen and daughter (Mrs Jenny), Art & Mrs Chivers, Bob & Mrs. Clark, Albert and Mrs. Dalrymple, Scott & Mrs. Davis, Louis & Mrs. Day, Dudley Drake, Charles Dudley, Bert & Mrs. Estabrook, Hart & Mrs. Farr, Herman & Mrs. Farwell, Fitzgerald, Bill & Mrs. Howard, Arba & Mrs. Ivers, Mrs. Hermiston, Roy Merrill, Florence & Jack, Frank & Mrs. Rowe, Boyd Parker, Harold & Mrs. Plumer, Lester Stockwell, Bert & Mrs. Thompson, Hattie.

James & Spencer may let up after suffering right from Scotts / Sally Corona Gordon Smith (my dear friend Joe Sarah's wife - A Peters) and Erma Blakely a distant Huntington Cousin. They were delighted with the house.

July 7 The David Huntington Hoag II start the week going back on the 29th Had stay of in going by yesterday to Meath for a few days with Bennett.

Towards the middle or end of May I heard from Doris from that there was a good chance that Lois Mayhew would include Fitz Lee in one of the famous Colored Features and I lived joyously by telephone expected them the week of the 4th of July. I was called of July 3 from Chester Mass by Mrs Sally of Life asking if it would be convenient if they came on the 5th or the 6th - We agreed that the 5th would be better and the plan was for them to get to Amherst / Northampton the night of the 4th & Ward time I would hear from them about detail. I heard nothing until 11 O clock on the 5th and then from Concord which they expected to leave in less than an hour and they would come "directly" here. I gave them careful instructions as to the best route. A telephone call at 4:30 from Brattleboro Vt. was the next news - they found that they might see something there. Again I gave them minute direction of what route to take and what to avoid. At 6:40 P.M. Miss Lean and Mr. Sally arrived from the South! Fee thinking that they could take a short cut the departed from my routine and got into Peterboro Center going through Amherst, Granby and South Hadley before reaching here. But the trouble really started because they were told that the House was in South Hadley. We went through the house and they decided that they would "study" with numerous pictures the Country but in the lower N. E. room, the door in the upper hall leading to the stairs, the Prophets Chamber with the spinning wheel and the stairs leading to the attic under a cover of the house featuring the Scotts Dors. Then Nina Lean (a Russian with a distinct accent and very temperamental) insisted that she wanted me purple in the pictures to right one of me & one of me in one of the other pictures. However when they spied Paul with his classical collie they just had to have Credance to the truth of our ghostly tales - so used to them so favorably that he was included in each and every one of my appearances. They worked very minute of an 8 hour day by running about 7 P.M. Then they hastily started 15 minutes for their own lunch which they had to work them. Outside the pictures of Life Mr. Sally took groups and pairs of Helen and many stills of Mandy very proud on the house & himself. And ended by becoming a contributing member he was so taken with the place. The article probably will be titled "Ghost Houses" a name such heading and should appear about November 15)

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July 17 On July 7 we had the first one of our 'Annual Teas' – Dorothy Feldman Gehr in a really wonderful concert. It was attended by quite a number (280 I think) and was a great success. To prepare for it I had the 'keg' cut down (Robert Pierce did a great personal sacrifice for us. I also had the entirely useless and overgrown bushes back cut down – as well here it dug up after the season was over. On p. 179 is the after photograph (the same bush even then (1953) before it began to reach its overgrown condition, Visited and in large measure the condition now of the house. [the bush fills the space between entrance and lattice]

Gen Riley + J.H. at 50th Reunion (Cover of Hon. Medical Alumni Bull)

Holyoke (Mass.) Transcript-Telegram, Monday, July 1

The Sunday afternoon teas, with music, at the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in Hadley will be resumed for the summer. These happy events brought several hundred people for the hospitality of the Long Room and the conducted tours of the distinguished old house last summer. For the affair this coming Sunday, Dorothy Ornest Felham will give a program of old English songs. These are public affairs with tourists from outside as well as friends of the old house at Forty Acres. The program opens at 4 o'clock.

Amherst Girl To Model At Huntington House

Miss Polly French, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Reginald French of Amherst, will be one of the young ladies who will model old gowns at Forty Acres in Hadley next Sunday, July 21. Olive Comins Hubbard, well-known antique collector from Sunderland, will be in charge of the "Parade of Old Gowns," a little departure from the musicales held generally during this month at Forty Acres.

Mrs. Hubbard has a collection of gowns, many of them wedding dresses worn by ladies from this area, dating between 1835 and 1900. At the end of the showing, modern gowns are displayed, and Mrs. Hubbard tells how they are related to the old ones.

The models will be Mrs. Roman Skibiski and her two daughters, Ramona and Barbara; the Misses Patty and Betty Jekanowski, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jekanowski (formerly of Hadley); Miss Polly French of Amherst, Miss Elise Emery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Emery of Leverett; Miss Nancy Olanyk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Olanyk; and 2½-year-old Elizabeth Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Scott of Hadley. Little Miss Scott is descended from the builder of the house, Moses Porter.

As is customary, the house will be shown and refreshments will be served, starting at 3 p.m. The entertainment will begin at 4 p.m. The chairman of the committee in charge of these Sunday afternoon programs is Miss Doris E. Abramson of Amherst. An admission fee will be charged to help support the colonial house-museum.

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Amherst, Massachusetts, Thursday, July 25,

Concert Series Benefits Historic 'Forty Acres'

The historic shed of Forty Acres in Hadley will be the setting for a Haydn and Mozart concert by the Northampton String Quartet at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 28. A small admission is charged, as a contribution to the maintenance of the house-museum, which has not been structurally changed since 1799 and was built in 1752.

The program will be preceded by refreshments at 3 p.m., and a tour of the house conducted by Dr. James L. Huntington.

Selections by the string quartet will include Haydn's String Quartet in E-Flat Major, Op. 33, # 2, and Mozart's Adagio and Fugue in C Minor and B-Flat Quartet (the Hunting Quartet). Members of the quartet are Miss Louise Rood, violin, who teaches music at Smith college; Mrs. Florence Duvall Smith, violin, a violin teacher in Northampton; Mrs. Stephen Brown, viola, of Amherst, who is a member of the Springfield Symphony orchestra, and Kenneth Josephson, cello, of Holyoke, a composer and graduate of the Eastman School of Music.

Noted Soprano To Sing Sunday At Forty Acres

Dorothy Ornest Feldman, popular Amherst soprano, will give a program of early English songs on Sunday at 4 p. m. in Hadley.

This will be the first in a series of Sunday afternoon musicales to be presented at Forty Acres, the historic house situated two miles north of the stop lights at Hadley center. The curator, Dr. James L. Huntington, announced that last year's series of three musicales has prompted the Porter - Phelps - Huntington Foundation to plan a series for July and the first week in August —all on Sunday afternoons. There will be some chamber music and one other vocalist in addition to Dorothy Ornest Feldman.

Mrs. Feldman's popularity in the area stems partly from her work with the Amherst Opera Co., for which she has sung such leading roles as Violetta in "La Traviata" and Amelia in Menotti's "Amelia Goes to the Ball." She has been soloist in churches in Amherst, Northampton and Springfield. She has sung with Hampshire Choral Society and with several symphony orchestras, including the Rochester and New York Philharmonic Orchestras.

Refreshments will be served at Forty Acres at 3. There will be a chance to see the old house, under the guidance of Dr. Huntington, before and after Mrs. Feldman's recital. There will be an admission fee charged for the maintenance of the historic house museum.

Springfield Union

LD, MASS., WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1957

String Quartet To Give Program At Forty Acres

Hadley, July 23 — On Sunday at 4, the Northampton String Quartet will present a program of music by Mozart and Havdn at Forty Acres in Hadley. This will be the first chamber music played at Forty Acres this season, and it will be the first time that music will be played in the 1777 shed, instead of the old house. The shift has been made, because the crowds this year have been too large for the Long Room where the recitals were held last year.

Musicians playing in the string quartet: Miss Louise Rood (violin), who teaches music at Smith College; Mrs. Florence Duval Smith (violin), a violin teacher in Northampton; Mrs. Stephen Brown (viola) of Amherst, who is a member of the Springfield Symphony; and Kenneth Josephson (cello), a composer from Holyoke.

Refreshments will be served at 3 and the curator, Dr. James L. Huntington, assisted by ladies from North Hadley, will show people through the house-museum. There will be an admission fee. The musical portion of the program will begin at 4 p. m.

—Holyoke (Mass.) Transcript-Telegram, Tuesday, July 9, 1957

HADLEY

Musical Program At Forty Acres

HADLEY — Next Sunday Miss Louise Rood and Miss Gertrude Parker Smith, both of the department of music at Smith College, will present a musical program at Forty Acres in Hadley. The fourth in the series of highly successful musicales presented this summer at the historic house-museum, their program will have great variety and will include a suite for the viola, composed by a well-known local composer (also of the Smith College music department), John Duke.

Their program will start at 4.

I. Duets for the viola (Miss Rood) and the recorder (Miss Smith) from the works of Gastoldi, Telemann, Boismortier, Mozart.

II. A Suite for the Viola Alone by John Duke, played by Miss Rood.

III. American Ballads, sung by Miss Smith.

IV. "Fiddle Doodlead," five American fiddle tunes set by Ross Lee Finney.

The arranger of the last set of tunes, Mr. Finney, was also in the Smith music department at the time; he is now at the University of Michigan.

People attending the recital are invited to come early to see the house and grounds, to make a tour with the curator and his assistants. Refreshments will be served starting at 3, followed by the musical portion of the program at 4. There will be a small admission fee.

...ST CONCERT SUNDAY ...T HUNTINGTON HOUSE

...mherst, Aug. 2—Miss Doris ...ramson of Fearing St. announces that the program Sunday ...4 at the Phelps Huntington ...se is the final one of the sea... The program will be held in ...shed and the public is in...ed to arrive early in the after...n so they may tour the inter...ng house in addition to enjoy... the program and refresh...nts which will be served.

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Hadley

Renowned for its excellent asparagus, onion and potato farms, Hadley is one of the first settled towns in New England. The Hadley Farm Museum contains a collection of farm equipment that traces the evolution of farming in Pioneer Valley. North of the center of town is the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House. Built in 1752, this historic house museum has seen no structural change since 1799. From the top of Mount Holyoke at the Summit House in Skinner Park, it is possible to see a distance of 70 miles.

"Forty Acres," the 200-year-old Porter Phelps Huntington House on the highway up from Hadley to North Hadley, is in for a new and world-wide phase of publicity. All day Saturday in the breezy sunshine under the ancient elms, cameramen (that's what they call them now) from Life magazine took hundreds of pictures of the beautiful gambrel-roofed house that stands as it was first built 200-years-plus ago. But the cameramen, while shooting for the beauties of the stately rooms with furniture which has been in constant use for the past 150 years, were here to get the story of a Haunted House. Life proposes to bring out a series of these "Haunted Houses" and try that way to establish the fact that Time has brought forward communications from those who have gone before. Hundreds of people attended the first of the Sunday afternoon recitals which have been arranged to bring new friends for all that this noble old house on the site of which ten generations of the three-in-one families have lived. Living in the house this summer is Rev. Paul Huntington, brother of Dr. James Lincoln Huntington of such a passionate devotion to all that Forty Acres means. Fresh from following around Life's ghost-seeking activities, Rev. Mr. Huntington waked up Sunday morning in one of the rooms where the old ghost is said to have opened the door and left imprints on the bed and stepped on the stairs. It was 7 o'clock. All was quiet. He started down the stairs and there rose in front of him and swept past a very real shadow. There was no light to make the shadow a reality. But there it was. Mr. Huntington told the story very well out in the inviting sunshine. There was a twinkle in his eye and if The Oracle was short of conviction he loved the tale and proposed to pass it along and maybe recall some other stories that are makings of the legend that rates a listing in the nation's "Haunted Houses" from Life magazine.

Varied Musical Program Will End Concert Series at 'Forty Acres'

A musical program by Miss Louise Rood and Miss Gertrude Parker Smith of the Smith college department of music will be presented at historic "Forty Acres," the Phelps Huntington house in North Hadley at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4.

"The committee in charge of these programs is delighted to be able to obtain the assistance of such accomplished musicians," said Miss Doris Abramson, chairman. "Miss Rood is considered one of the best violists north of New York City and Vienna."

The program, divided into four parts, consists of: part one—duets for viola and recorder which will include selections from Gastoldi, Telemann, Boismortier and Mozart; part two—a suite for single viola by John Duke, well known in academic and area music circles for his melodious compositions, played by Miss Rood; part three—American ballads, sung by Miss Smith; part four—"A Fiddle Doodlead," which is made up of five American fiddle tunes arranged by Ross Lee Finney, who was a member of the faculty at Smith for many years and is now at University of Michigan.

A small fee is charged for these concerts which is used for repair and maintenance of the 200-year-old house.

This is the last scheduled program in the summer series, said Miss Abramson, and will be held in the shed. The public is invited to arrive early in the afternoon so they may tour the interesting house in addition to enjoying the program and refreshments which will be served.

Smith Musicians In Fine Concert At Forty Acres

Sunday afternoon in the 1772 carriage shed of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in Hadley, two members of the Smith College music faculty, Louise Rood and Gertrude Smith collaborated in what Miss Rood laughingly referred to as a "Variety Show." These two fine musicians did do a variety of things, from unaccompanied singing, to duets for viola and alto recorder.

I would mention first their encore, because it was dedicated to Mrs. Minnie R. Dwight who died last week and who was extremely interested, helpful and generous in the continuing maintenance of the "Huntington House" as an historic museum. In a viola and piano duet Miss Rood and Miss Smith played a vocalise "Penelope" by Frederic Jacobi, a distinguished, former Smith College music professor.

They played a number of selections for this particular combination of instruments, including eight short pieces put together by Ross Lee Finney, also formerly at Smith and "Alpine Maiden's Sunday" by Oley Bull. The first offering in this set was a "Suite" of pieces written by one C. H. Weber who it is said came to Northampton many years ago to take a "water cure" on the present site of the Cooley Dickinson Hospital. He was so thrilled by the cure effected on him, that he dedicated the suite to the doctor in charge and named each part of his composition after a part of the treatment "The Bath," "The Splash" and "The Cure." Miss Smith charmingly sang four folk songs from Scotland, England, Ireland and New England, one of the most familiar of which was "The Nightingale."

The duets for Viola and Recorder included the 16th century composers Gastaldi, and Boismortier,

Mrs. Minnie R. Dwight, 84, Holyoke Publisher, Is Dead

Mrs. Minnie R. Dwight, editor and publisher of the Holyoke Transcript-Telegram since the death of her husband in 1930 and believed to be the oldest woman publisher in New England, died yesterday afternoon at Holyoke Hospital. She was 84.

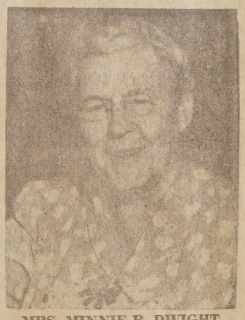
The well-known civic leader who championed the women's suffrage movement in Holyoke in the first quarter of this century, was admitted to the hospital early Tuesday morning after suffering a heart attack.

A native of Hadley, she was the daughter of Patrick and Catherine (Reilly) Ryan. She was educated at Hopkins Academy there and later entered the teaching profession. A few years later she became interested in the newspaper business and joined the staff of the Transcript in 1891 as a general news and social reporter.

Five years later she married William G. Dwight, then editor and publisher, and since his death had taken an active part in the business and editorial management of the newspaper.

She was well versed in all phases of the newspaper business and contributed many articles and editorials to the pages of the Transcript over the years.

In 1922, Mrs. Dwight was appointed to a special commission by Gov. Channing Cox to study an old age assistance pension plan. The plan was approved by the commission and Massachusetts became the first state to adopt such a plan.



MRS. MINNIE R. DWIGHT

The veteran newspaper woman was active in many civic and charitable groups and contributed much of her time to insuring the success of these groups.

She was one of the founders and later president of the Hampden County Women's Club, a charter and honorary member of the Holyoke Business and Professional Women's Club and a charter member of the Holyoke Quota Club and the Delphians.

She was a member of the Holyoke Garden Club, the Garden

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Club and Women's Club of Leesburg, Fla., and the National Association of Press Women. She formerly served as publicity director for the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

She was one of the founders and first president of the Holyoke Women's Club and was a leader in the Holyoke Women's Municipal League from which the Women's Club was formed. Mrs. Dwight was the last charter member of the Hampden County Aid to Agriculture and also served as president of the Hampden County Improvement League.

Always interested in civic improvements for her city, Mrs. Dwight served as a member of the Playground Commission when the first playground was established. In later years she sparked construction of other recreational areas and centers, including development of the Mt. Tom Reservation.

She was a founder of the Community Chest in Holyoke and was active in Red Cross work for which she was decorated by the French government during World War I.

Always interested in politics and a member of the Republican party, Mrs. Dwight was a charter member of the Massachusetts Women's Republican Club and twice served as a delegate to the Republican national conventions.

Mrs. Dwight leaves two daughters, Mrs. Oscar E. Schoeffler of Jackson Heights, L.I., and Mrs. Laura S. Lewis of Springfield; a son, William G. Dwight, managing editor of the Transcript-Telegram, and president of the American Newspaper Publishers Association; a stepson, Henry Dwight of this city; two brothers, Arthur Ryan, business manager of the Transcript-Telegram, and Henry E. Ryan of North Hadley; also nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Saturday afternoon at 2. Burial will be in Center Cemetery, Bernardston. Friends may call at the home, 387 Appleton St., tonight from 7 to 10 and Friday, 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m.

NORWICH, CONN., BULLETIN, SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

HERE FOR PROGRAM: Among officals and other members attending the ninth reunion of the Huntington family here this weekend:
Front row, left, H. Minot Pitman, Bronxville, N. Y., historian and Mrs. Evelyn Halpin, Norwich, president; second row, James Lincoln Huntington, Hadley Mass., historian-elect and Mrs. Katherine H. Annin, Richmond, Mass., secretary-treasurer; back row, Frank B. Huntington, Milwaukee, first vice president, and Miss Robbins, Boston. (Staff Photo)

Tour, Panel Program and Addresses At Huntington Family Reunion

A tour of the Old Burying Ground, with Raymond Case as guide, a panel discussion and several addresses featured the opening day Friday of the two-day ninth reunion of the Huntington family.

This is the 100th anniversary of the first reunion and the 50th year since the founding of the association.

Speakers included Philip A. Johnson, president of the Founders of Norwich, who spoke of the Leffingwell inn, now being restored here; Charles E. Huntington of Bowdoin college, whose topic was Two Huntingtons at Sea in a Fog, where he described the flora and fauna of Kent, Ireland and a talk by Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley, Mass., with colored slides on A Trip Through the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house at Hadley.

The panel discussion was on the Purpose, Objectives and Activities of the Huntington Family association, with Dr. Huntington as moderator.

The morning session, opened with registration from 9:30 to 10:30 at the First Congregational church. There was luncheon in the chapel at noon, then the tour of the Old Burying Ground.

The afternoon session also was held at the church and the evening program, with dinner, at the Norwich inn. Among matters discussed Friday was a new genealogical memoire for the association.

Today (Saturday), at the church, there will be the business session starting at 9:30 o'clock and with the program scheduled to conclude at noon.

Let's Go Driving

200 Years Fade Away At Old Bay State Home

By CAL CAMERON

Throughout New England there are many, many old homes dotting the landscape that were built before the Revolution which have been restored. There is only one that I know of that stands as it was, furnished, without need of restoration.

As a general thing, the old houses you visit have been practically rebuilt and "genuine" antiques have been installed. It is often possible that the original occupants might well turn over in their graves were they able to see the "authentic" results.

Here, on the other hand, is a house, built in 1752 and enlarged to its present proportions by 1799, complete with the furnishings of the original owners and their descendants, which has never passed out of the family's possession. It is authentic in every detail.

It is unusual in that although it has been handed down through six generations, there has never been a real division of the contents.

Stockade Life

This treasury of colonial times is Forty Acres, in Hadley, Mass., also known as the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House.

Originally, Hadley residents stayed inside a stockade; they lived in perilous times in north-central Massachusetts. Indian raids were frequent and settlers went out in the morning, tilled their fields and returned within the stockade for safety during the night or when enemies were in the area.

Although lands north of the stockade had been held by the Porters for three generations, it was not until 1752 that Moses Porter felt it reasonably safe to build his home there.

His decision must have been met with a good deal of head shaking, for his was the first home to be built north of the stockade.

Mute Testimony

Its construction, particularly the sliding wood panels at all windows to be closed in time of raids, are mute testimony to the perils of those years.

However, the house has survived and if you would care to see how our ancestors lived and what their homes were like, I don't know of a better place for you to visit.

Incidentally, although we New Englanders associate slavery with the south, the gallery at the back of the house as well as bills of sale for Negro slaves that exis among the multitude of papers in possession of Dr. Hunting, must remind us that it was by no means an unknown institution in the north.

Sharp Right Turn

To visit this unusual place, drive out Winchester St. and down Route 10 through Northfield. At the lower end of the village street keep straight ahead on 63 which takes you through Millers Falls.

About five miles beyond, there is a very sharp right turn, easily missed, onto 47. Your goal is roughly six miles past Sunderland.

The house is set well back from the road on the right and a modest sign on your left identifies it. It is open daily until mid-October from 10 to 5 except Sunday when it may be visited from noon to 5 p.m.

If you suddenly find yourself in Amherst you've missed Route 47; but don't be upset. Just turn right on 9. Reaching Hadley, turn right again on 47 and in a short distance you will be at the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Estate. It's a little less than 50 miles from Keene.

John Family Spring of 1957

To Grand Father
I hope you are
feeling well. I
hope you are
having a nice
time. Love
From
Peter

To grand father
From Peter
Huntington

The first letter from my grandson Pete

SEASON IS OPEN FOR NEW ENGLAND'S GHOSTS

By JOSEPH NAPOLITAN

HADLEY, Mass.—There is no guarantee to visitors to New England this summer that they will see a real, live ghost (if that is the proper way to describe a ghost) any more than other game can be guaranteed. But they certainly may pass a pleasant few days inspecting haunted houses and ferreting spooks in ancient attics and creaking staircases.

The nicest thing about exploring haunted houses in New England is the interesting experiences created by the search. Ghost-hunters will gain access to splendid examples of Colonial architecture and be shown antiques and heirlooms in the same family for generations. They will travel on quiet country lanes through sleepy villages, visit melancholy cemeteries where moss-covered tombstones stand in stately disarray, and view some of New England's most charming scenery.

Best of all, they will meet authorities on ghosts such as Louis Maurice Auguste Roy, owner and guardian of the Ocean Born Mary House in Henniker, N. H.; John C. Parker, the ghost-hunting architect from Springfield, Mass., and, here in Hadley, Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, retired physician and curator of the Phelps-Porter-Huntington House.

There is no better place in New England to start hunting ghosts than at the Phelps-Porter-Huntington House, usually called the Bishop Huntington House, after Bishop Frederic Dan Huntington of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York, who was born in it in 1819 and died in it in 1904, and whose mother was a Phelps.

PIRATE'S HAUNT—At Henniker, N. H., romantic habitat of a famous ghost.

Ancient Heritage

Within sight of the broad Connecticut River, between Mounts Tom and Holyoke, stands this magnificent specimen of a Colonial home. It was built in 1752 and last altered in 1799; it has been in Dr. Huntington's family for ten generations.

"When you step through this doorway," advises Dr. Huntington, a lean man with a shock of snow-white hair, "you will step into the house of Charles Phelps, exactly as it looked in the year 1799."

The Porter of the title Phelps-Porter-Huntington is Captain Moses Porter, who built the house. Captain Porter fought in the French-Indian Wars under the command of Colonel Ephraim Williams, for whom Williams College is named. Early on the morning of September 8, 1755, Colonel Williams' regiment was ambushed and every officer killed.

Captain Porter's sword was brought home by his Indian servant and passed in through one of the north windows in the house. History tells us that Mrs. Elizabeth Porter was putting her 8-year-old daughter Betty to bed when she heard a knock on the window.

She pushed back the heavy shutter and, without a word being spoken, accepted the sword. Mrs. Porter understood the significance of the act. The sword, minus its hilt but in its original scabbard, still is preserved in that room.

A number of ghosts are said to occupy the Bishop Huntington House. Dr. Huntington speaks casually of them because he believes their presence is one of the minor attributes of this remarkable place.

The best-known ghost, which many people think is the spirit of Captain Porter, opens the door of the second-floor hall every night after midnight and strides purposefully into the attic. At least, that is what they say here in Hadley. The ghost treads ancient boards with "a step so definite that whoever hears it can never forget it," says Dr. Huntington.

'Aware of a Presence'

"I have seen, in the moonlight or the small hours of morning, a latch rise and a door open. I have also been perfectly aware of a presence in an adjoining room and, going in expectantly, have found no one," he reports.

As a child, Dr. Huntington recalls, he and his brothers woke at night to find a figure bending over their bed, a woman whose full skirts of an oddly patterned design and frilled white cap were perfectly visible in the dark.

"'Don't mind that,' my aunts told me, "we have all seen her,'" Dr. Huntington said.

The imprint of a body on a canopied bed in a downstairs bedroom may still be seen on occasion.

Admission to the Bishop Huntington House is 50 cents, and this includes a tour conducted by Dr. Huntington. From New York City, the route is by the Merritt and Wilbur Cross Parkways to Hartford, U. S. 5 to Northampton, Mass., and State Route 9 northeast, from Northampton across the Calvin Coolidge Bridge into Hadley. There, a north turn on State Route 47 leads to the Bishop Huntington House, just over two miles on.

Near-by places of interest include the campuses of Mount Holyoke, Smith and Amherst Colleges, all within ten miles and all now dressed in summer loveliness. Excellent eating places abound, as well as motels.

Travelers headed further north, to New Hampshire's lake region or the White Mountains, can easily swing through Henniker, N. H., for a peek at the Ocean Born Mary House and to meet Louis Maurice Auguste (Gus) Roy. A sprightly man who has lived in the Ocean Born Mary House longer than anyone except Ocean Born Mary herself, he enjoys telling visitors about the house's fascinating heritage.

Soft-Hearted Bucaneer

This is the gist of the story: In 1720, a band of settlers sailed from Londonderry, Ireland, to join friends and relatives in Londonderry, New Hampshire. Off the coast of Massachusetts their vessel was boarded by a band of pirates, led by one Captain Pedro. Legend has it that Pedro was a blackguard English nobleman who had assumed the Spanish pseudonym.

All passengers were ordered to prepare to walk the plank, when a young wife gave birth then and there to a baby not expected for several weeks. The wail of the newborn child struck a soft chord in Pedro's calloused heart, and he made an unusual proposal:

"Let me name this child and I'll spare the ship and all aboard."

His offer was accepted, and Pedro named the baby Mary, after his own mother. He presented her with a bolt of green silk "for her wedding gown."

Mary grew up to be an Irish amazon, with blazing red hair, green eyes and uncommon beauty. She broke many New Hampshire hearts by selecting one Michael Wallace for her husband. On her wedding day, she wore a gown made of the brocaded silk given her by the pirate captain.

Mary Wallace was a striking widow with four young sons when Pedro retired from the sea and, assisted by his ship's carpenters, constructed a rugged Colonial mansion on a Henniker hilltop.

"Come live with me," invited Pedro. "This place is yours. You can be my keeper in my old age."

Mary Wallace, who throughout her life was called Ocean Born Mary because of the circumstances surrounding her birth, agreed to keep house for the old pirate, and he showered her with jewels and finery.

Slaughter in the Orchard

One day, upon her return from town, Mary found the pirate dead in the orchard, killed by thieves in search of the treasure Pedro reputedly had hidden on the premises. According to his wishes, Pedro's body was buried underneath the massive kitchen hearthstone, a slab of granite six feet long, two feet wide, and a foot thick. The body presumably lies there yet.

Ocean Born Mary lived to be 94, and her gravestone may be seen in the Henniker cemetery. It is her ghost, not Pedro's, which haunts the house, although Henniker residents assert they sometimes hear groans from the orchard where Pedro died.

Gus Roy thinks Mary is a protective ghost and credits her with saving his life on several occasions. Occasionally Mary is seen alighting from a coach and four in the yard; more often her presence is felt rather than seen.

Henniker is on State Route 9 on the way to Concord from Keene. Signs point the way to the Ocean Born Mary House. The admission charge for adults is 25 cents. Visitors should ask Mr. Roy to show them the silk from the wedding gown, and to explain the legend in the charming downstairs music room.

Inspired a Poem

Another New Hampshire haunted house, the Jonathan Moulton House in Hampton, prompted Whittier to write his macabre poem, "The New Wife and the Old." Moulton, a general in the French-Indian Wars, possessed a wide reputation as a miser. On the day of his first wife's funeral, General Moulton shocked mourners by stripping the dead woman of her jewels and rings, wedding ring included.

After his remarriage to a much younger woman, the new wife was awakened by the chilling specter of the first wife, tugging at the rings that once were hers. Or, as Whittier put it:

"God have mercy! ice cold
Spectral hands her own
enfold,
Drawing silently from them
Love's fair gift of gold and
gem."

Back in Massachusetts, visitors to Tanglewood may want to wander a few miles to the village of Savoy, where, in the lovely tavern in the hollow, a murderous innkeeper saw bloodstains reappearing on the walls and floor, mute accusers of his crimes.

Multiple Murders

In Waterford, Vt., twenty miles southeast of St. Johnsbury, midnight visitors sometimes say they see the shadows of four murderers swinging from the splintered rafters of Washburn's Barn. The murderers were themselves murdered by a half-crazed youth who had seen them slay a young girl at the St. Johnsbury Fair in 1830. He fed them poisonous root beer, it seems.

These are only a few of the better-known haunted places in New England. As Nathaniel Hawthorne, a man chummy with unearthly beings, once noted, all old houses in New England are "so invariably possessed with spirits that the matter seems hardly worth alluding to."

An architect who specializes in Colonial homes, John C. Parker of Springfield, Mass., keeps a live file of New England ghost houses. Mr. Parker attempts to find logical reasons for acts sometimes attributed to ghosts, but his spectral sleuthing has unearthed some situations that defy logical explanation.

Queries about New England haunted houses and how to find them may be directed to Mr. Parker at 359 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

Parade Of Gowns At Huntington House This Sunday

The second Sunday afternoon program at Forty Acres will be a "Parade of Old Gowns," to be presented July 21 at 4 p.m. by Olive Comins Hubbard of Sunderland. Mrs. Hubbard, a well-known antique collector, was born in North Hadley and now lives in a house in Sunderland which is more than 200 years old. She has prepared a program which has been very well received by various organizations in the area. She acts as narrator, and various young ladies model old gowns from her collection. They date between 1835 and 1900.

The models of these interesting and colorful gowns will be Mrs. Roman Skibiski and her two daughters, Ramona and Barbara, of Sunderland; the Misses Patty and Betty Jekanowski, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jekanowski of Sunderland; Miss Polly French, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald French of Amherst; Miss Nancy Olanyk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Olanyk, Sunderland; Miss Elise Emery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Emery, Leverett; and two-year-old Elizabeth Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Scott of Hadley. Little Miss Scott is a descendant of the builder of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house, Moses Porter. She represents the seventh generation.

Refreshments will be served at 3 p.m. and there will be an opportunity to view the house before the entertainment at 4 p.m. The chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for these Sunday afternoon programs is Miss Doris E. Abramson of Amherst. On the committee are Miss Ruth Scott of Hadley, Dr. James L. Huntington and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker of Northampton. There will be an admission fee charged to help maintain the historic house-museum.

Most American ghosts were born in the simpler past of colonial or frontier days. Even in today's scientific age their stories, like the ghosts themselves, die hard. From the annals of unearthly Americana, nine of the most fascinating stories were selected. At their sites Miss Leen caught the haunted and haunting atmosphere which might make any man, having heard the creaks and seen the eerie moving lights and shadows, believe that ghosts still walk.

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GHOSTLY LEGENDS CONTINUED

THE WELCOME GUEST

Like an amiable and welcome—if unbidden—guest, Elizabeth Porter, dead nearly 150 years, calls often at Forty Acres, her long-ago home still owned by her family in Hadley, Mass.

Her light tread is heard going upstairs and an old four-poster bed (*right*) shows the impress of her frail body. Even when the sheets are smoothed, the marks return. Often, toward dawn, the whirring of her spinning wheel is heard. Children in the family were told it was only squirrels or a cat playing, but the adults always knew better. Sometimes the children have awakened to find a small white-capped figure bending tenderly over them.

When they had lived only briefly at Forty Acres, Elizabeth's father went off to the French and Indian War and was killed. All the rest of her life she grieved for him and in death, her descendants believe, she returns to the house in which they had once been happy together.

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Program

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Advance Registration and Consultation: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Lobby, New Ocean House, Swampscott, Massachusetts

Board of Trustees Dinner Meeting: 7:00 p.m., New Ocean House

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Registration: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Lobby, New Ocean House

Tour of Salem: 9:30 a.m., Buses leave New Ocean House, Swampscott, for tour of Salem, including Derby House, Pierce-Nichols House, Pingree House and Essex Institute. (Members with private cars are requested to use bus transportation)

Lunch: 1:00 p.m., Hamilton Hall, Salem

Presiding, Hardinge Scholle, Properties Officer, National Trust

Greetings, Ernest Stanley Dodge, Director, Peabody Museum

Walter M. Merrill, Director, Essex Institute

Opening Session: 2:30 p.m., Peabody Museum, Salem

Presiding, David E. Finley, Chairman, Board of Trustees of the National Trust

Peabody Punch: 4:30 p.m., Peabody Museum

New England Shore Dinner: 7:00 p.m., New Ocean House, Swampscott

Evening Session: 8:30 p.m., New Ocean House

"American Nineteenth Century Architecture: McIntire to Mansards"

Presiding, Richard H. Howland, President, National Trust

Abbott Lowell Cummings, Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, "McIntire and the Federal Style"

Miss Barbara Wriston, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, "Thomas Tefft: an Early Eclectic"

John Maass, Philadelphia Museum School of Art, "The Mansard Era"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Panel Session: 9:30 a.m., New Ocean House

Presiding, Bertram K. Little, Director, Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities

Charles C. Wall, *Mount Vernon,* "The Madding Crowd"

Herbert C. Darbee, Old Sturbridge Village, "New Light on Our Ancestors"

Tour of Marblehead: 11:30 a.m., Buses leave New Ocean House for tour to include Lee Mansion and King-Hooper House. (Members with private cars are requested to use bus transportation)

Lunch: 1:00 p.m., *Seaside Farm,* Marblehead, Mass.

Guests of Mrs. Francis B. Crowninshield

Tour of Ipswich and Essex Area: Buses leave *Seaside Farm* 2:30 p.m. Tour includes *Castle Hill,* Whipple House and Parson Capen House

Open House: 5:00 p.m., *Cogswell's Grant,* residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram K. Little

Reception and Annual Dinner: 7:30 p.m., New Ocean House

Presiding, David E. Finley

James Parton, Editor, *American Heritage,* "Interpreting America's Heritage"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Breakfast Round Table: 8:30 a.m., New Ocean House. Members of Boards of Architectural Review, delegates from Historic Districts

Presiding, Richard H. Howland

Panel Session: 10:30 a.m., New Ocean House

"Community Action for Preservation"

Presiding, Mrs. Helen Duprey Bullock, Historian, National Trust

Michael Frome, Travel Editor, American Automobile Association, "41,000 Miles to . . . ?"

Miss Mary Wingfield Scott, Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, "Richmond's Church Hill"

Samuel Wilson, Jr., A.I.A., "Vieux Carré in New Orleans"

Tour of First Iron Works Restoration: 12:30 p.m., Buses leave for Saugus

Lunch: 1:00 p.m., Guests of First Iron Works Restoration, Saugus Greetings, J. Sanger Attwill, President

Return: 3:00 p.m., Buses return to New Ocean House, Swampscott

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Invitation: 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., The Wayside Inn at South Sudbury, Massachusetts, will be open for members and guests who wish to view the restoration now in progress, members to provide their own transportation.

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again I find how utterly I have fallen behind in keeping up this most valuable – really essential record which now extends back for some 35 years. I must be more faithful in the future. To pick up: On July 28 Oliver Comins / Portland Oregon gave a most interesting and really beautiful fashion show in the Long Room – the crowd was so great that it overflowed into the Fairmeadow rooms (all pages 182 + 185) As a result of this we for now realized that we could either have to limit the number of invitations or find some larger space for our Sunday musicals. Several thoughts of the transformation of the 'shed' between the two houses and then we did for the two concluding musicals given by the Grace Dept. of Smith (p. 182 + p. 183). Between these last two musicals we were shocked and saddened by the death of our great benefactor Mrs. Thomas D Wright of Holyoke. Several times I had planned with the Wrights and Mrs. Wright to be present at the musicals and [illegible] but she never responded. Her death was sudden and unexpected.

Neal stayed on with us until late August and Bennett came down from Hartford for a short visit and to see Neal. He seemed very well. On August 23 I went down to Norwich Connecticut with Eleanor and Charles Baker to attend the Huntington Family Reunion – 100 years ago it was established as a Family Association. Eleanor Baker is a Huntington. (see p. 184) The attendance was very small – less than a hundred but there was real enthusiasm. We arrived both home before 9 on the 24th. David came up and took Paul back to Huntington the same day. On October 10th Grenville and I went down to Swampscott as delegates to the annual meeting of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. We stopped at Huntington and saw Mary and Bennett there in the Grey Ocean House. Three thousand the expected number came to the meeting – it was really overcrowded but we saw a lot of interesting and valuable material and made several valuable contacts. Grenville was frustrated and did not enjoy it as much as we had hoped – She really was ill the first day and spent practically the whole day in bed while I went to Salem. Frances Osborne lunched with me and I saw a lot of Stephen Phillips – [illegible] Light on map of P.S.H. and had a nice talk with Mrs Emmerich. Saw the Peirces and John H. Brown and his wife. We got back in time for supper on the 13th. Doris Atkinson and Dorothy Fletcher kept the house open while we were gone.

I had known for many months that I would have to have the cataract removed from my ~~right~~ (right) eye as my vision was greatly impaired and steadily growing dimmer in my left eye and so had not been fast for the date. I went to the Corley Dickinson Hospital on the afternoon of the 30th of October and they did all the "works" in the way of X-rays, Electrocardiogram, Blood Chemistry etc. Everything was satisfactory. I had dropped in my eye every 2 hours but no other preparations. Went to the operating room feeling perfectly comfortable and relaxed after my pills and my breakfast. Dr Black operated under local of course and it certainly was no worse than for a tooth extraction. The operation lasted 25 minutes and as the clock struck 11 I got a perfect description of the operation as it went along which was most interesting. After the operation a big shield was put on with adhesive covering nearly half my face. I was back in my room before nine and with a rubber bag on either side of my head I dozed until time for my lunch. The nurse fed me. Dr Black said that when I became uncomfortable I had better have some Demerol

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About eleven o'clock I became aware of a feeling of discomfort and ached for the pills That was the only pain during Drug, a dose that I had two hours & eight the next day for two nights but was not ill in 24 hours and home in five days. Dr. Bick dressed the eye every other day and was more than pleased with the progress I was making. Vision steadily improved in the operated eye and it seems to be improving slightly even now. I can almost read my books except small lines as in the newspaper and looking out the window I can see moving vehicles & key pass. With my glasses which I got a few weeks I can see better than I have for years with glasses I wore at that time. Taking out the stitches at the end of 2 weeks was almost as much of an operation as removing the cataract — for not painful, but in duration and of course it required almost as much anesthesia.

I should have mentioned that our article appeared in Time Magazine for Oct 28 (p. 86). As Louis Jones wrote "It could have been more but not by all it might it have been at all!" It certainly put us in the high. While I had my eye shield on I could not shave and when I took it off I had quite a beard as I have let it grow. I have had various reactions and advice not to exercise like it — especially this idea — thinks it gets into my eye as cinders. At Christmas time — or rather, my Christmas trip to Boston — Tavern Christmas Feast — Ben, Dr. Greenwell, Ned Whitney and Maurice Osborne joined us the Monday of the week and by a 3 to 1 vote were not only in favor but insisted that I should hold it for at least a
Dec p. 189 matter of months. Al Haller made the photographs (colored) in the day.

Late in December the Red Cross had a Christmas Party and Gregory with gifts for Florence Sanctuary and Bessie Brock at Oakley Cabin all children Massachusetts and Boston was represented with handsome gifts for both the girls. I was asked to Ipswich. Gregory and I had a really delightful evening, among those present was Paul Dalton's wife who greatly admired my beard. Parker Perry invited us to the Standing City Dinner — with his family and Paul Browne were there as well as Stacy Hibbard and his wife. We had a very pleasant party. I spent about 8 days in Boston by leave in December 8th. Went up to see the Dr. Coltons as my sister Jean nearly 2 years late friend Mrs Valerie Bolan and Mrs Atwood had been waiting for an hour to see me, after a very brief chat with them I got down to the Parker House and had my hair cut and beard trimmed (3.") then down to the Tavern Club a bit before 12. Maurice Osborne looking and seeming much better and stronger than in October arrived soon after & did I, I see and Ned Whitbread closely followed. We had a very jolly time and they voted for my beard let it stay. I had been with Sailer and Osborn sessions since — all voted for my beard!! I got back to the Tavern and found that the dress rehearsal of the play was going on and that after the actors and their wives arrived during the time as I took in both. Was much impressed with the play and the acting was remarkable especially Brenda Forbes (whom I had not seen for many years) Ann Lawrence and Henry Allen. I talked with Young about my eye operation — he knows Bick well — said I could not have had a better man looked at my eye under strong light and exclaimed "Good Gods a swell job!" which was pleasant to hear. We had a delightful dinner the three girls Mrs. Coolidge, Mrs Lennon and Mrs. Henry Leyland (de Young that author) Charlie made me recite the Three Deaths (I'm sure I never did it better!) and I gave them a little Henry Esmond reading. We had a delightful evening. The next morning I drove out to see Emily Howard — he has failed much in the last 6 months eyesight much more and can get about with much difficulty. Ben came in to dinner and Marian was there as was Mary Coolidge. I had not seen for years. I rested in the afternoon and had a wonderful time at the Fair — how I remember quite a bit about it (I had to be seen in the further side of the old fellowship room & did not take in the details of the dinner as I might have under

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Again lunched at the Tavern was a gala occasion and Francis was there. I had a nice long talk with Thornton Bailey about our Radley Grad at the Cathedral. In the afternoon I left the Tavern and went out to Newton Hill had a delightful afternoon with Beverly and Mary David came home shortly after 5 and we had a very nice supper. The next morning I made a call on Cousin Eliza Keating to wish her good celebration of her 100th birthday. She showed me with pride her letter from President Eisenhower (his birthday just a day away from hers) on his White House paper (D.D.E. & White House on the letter) such a nice friendly letter! She told me of her plans to present B.C.H. with some $600. I was astounded. (This was consummated early in Jan. with C Shares of stock valued at $6500 on the day of acceptance, with a dividend due Jan. 8th) Eleanor arrived in the early afternoon - she came down from Milby the day before and spent the night in Woburn. We had a relaxing afternoon until nearly 5 when we began to see guests: Marion Ripley & Barts, Lucy (Milby Mrs.)? and her husband, Raymond & his daughter & Katherine. David had prepared a most excellent lunch, with only a slight hang-over from too much Imperial Delicious the night before which also I had to keep up. We went to bed early and at an early hour on Sunday was off for Fitchburg arriving here shortly after noon. I feel that I have omitted important details, on page 67 I note an allusion to the annual meeting of the Mohawk Trail. Before we went to Greenville we went from Milby directly to Bay Path in Malden and called on 3 trees from the Safe Deposit Vault - relics & souvenirs to Uncle Woodson a call and Milby then on to Newton Hill. Also I have omitted entirely the story of our wonderful 'cedar chamber'. Finding much room in Eleanor of our valued woolen pieces and the old blue Governor Clinton that we must have a 'cedar closet'. When we came to look around we found that the left behind our closet - practically unused could be turned into a spacious storeroom for all our most valuable of woolen and we had the same installed in both Sept. and Oct. Visits. It is a wonderfully large room and absolutely meets our requirements. It was more expensive than we expected but it is worth it and Eleanor is more than willing to pay for it gradually. Before I went to Boston for the Tavern Club dinner I had arranged with Arthur Rugg to call on him. Eleanor wanted to talk with him about things about which he - talk with him in his professional capacity. So we went from Newton Hill to Providence (not as I have said above) and after a delay of 2 hours with Arthur we boarded with Bennett and even stopped at Middletown Conn. to make a brief call on Dorothy & George Chandler before getting back here to Forty Acres in time for supper - not as stated above. On Christmas Eve I was called up by Gertrude Huntington Bailey (Charles Erskine) Wanting this night to say that he was dead - a bit of a surprise about that - and want he be buried in the family lot in North Attleboro, Eleanor and I went and were much touched by friends from out of town (one a priest, Episcopal and great friend of Emily Jones, his wife's friend) Gertrude, the undertaker, Eleanor and I the only mourners. A priest from St. Georges read the committal service (for burial in unconsecrated ground) and was very comforting to Gertrude. It was a cold bleak afternoon and we went to Wiggins for coffee afterwards. Gertrude went back to Connecticut with her friends. Just before we went to Boston Arthur telephoned me of Fred Bartlett's death - I have not details yet and don't expect to. I knew that he had been in poor health for some time. I should have noted that two fine old elms just at the north entrance to our driveway died of Dutch Elm disease during this summer and were cut down by the town in December. Early in January a high wind took a huge limb off our maple in front of the garage. On Dec. 24 Fanny Irving died at Florida. We were close personal friends always, in spite of the fact that professionally we were anything but that - many things that he did to hurt me were hard to forget or forgive but our friendship continued unbroken and I mourn his death. The Ballad of Chamberstead - which was the best thing he ever did and for which he will be forever known, became a regular feature in the Travel Club and Fanny always insisted on my reciting it. With his death I am the only remaining member of the original Boston delegation (Jack Swift, Frank Pemberton, Fanny & J.H.) and one of the only 3 surviving original members of the Travel Club Bill Jewett, Fred Bullard & myself. (Cyrus Bullard & Jim Cousins of Cleveland but were not in the founding group (I regret we Bostonians which never elected did not really 'join' until the second year)

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SPRINGFIELD, MASS., FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 1, 1957

Human 'Ghosts' Ruin Hunt at Hadley House

Local Spook Chaser Has to Pursue Prowlers Instead Of Apparitions; State Police Called In for Help But Lose Quarry

"Ghosts" prowled the darkened rooms and musty corridors of the Huntington House in Hadley last night, but they were fakes.

Even though they weren't genuine, however, they gave John C. Parker, Springfield architect who had gone out to sleep in the old haunted mansion, an exciting time.

Apparently The Daily News story of Parker's plan to sleep in the old house with tape recorders and flash cameras in an effort to prove or disprove the ghost legend, gave certain parties ideas.

When he arrived at the house about 10:30 p. m., there was evidence that some one had entered the mansion ahead of time. A window next to the front door was partially open.

"That's when I got the idea some one was in the house, and I knew it was no ghost," Parker said today. He continued carrying his equipment into the house, giving no indication that he was suspicious.

After setting up his equipment and rigging his flash cameras, Parker stopped to take a breath. He was ready for the ghost of Elizabeth Porter, who has been visiting the house for nearly 150 years in search of her father. Parker was ready to catch the ghost on film or on tape at certain spots in the house, the staircase used by the ghost, the spinning wheel that mysteriously turns, and the attic door through which the ghost enters.

"I began to hear ghosts all over," Parker said, "I thought they were having a convention." He had stationed himself in a rear bedroom, where he was to sleep.

"I went to the front of the house to investigate the noises," he said, "out to the old library over the front entrance. It was quiet for three minutes. Then I saw what seemed to be a halo coming up the stairs. I grabbed my camera to get a picture. But it was not a ghost."

The "halo" Parker saw was a flashlight being carried by a man who was holding his hand over it. The prowler aparently sensed Parker's presence. He stopped on the third step and backed down.

"I knew it was no ghost, only a man," Parker said. He pointed out that he had heard two men whispering behind a locked door in the rear of the rambling house previously. Parker had purposely entered the house through the open window, and not through the door. "I tricked them good," he said.

At this point, the ghost hunter decided to get some help from the state police. He ran to the Chaise House nearby, which is part of the estate, and called for assistance. It took only five minutes for two state police cruisers to descend upon the haunted house, but the two men had fled before them. Parker said they emerged from a woodshed in the rear after ripping hinges off a door, and sped away in their car, taking Route 47. That was about 1:30 a. m.

Parker discounted the theory that the men were out for a night of fun at his expense. He said state police were of the opinion that the two intruders were out on a burglary job.

With a few hours remaining, Parker re-entered the mansion and took up his vigil. He missed the only chance he had at getting any ghost evidence. While he was in bed, awake, the latch on the attic door rattled three times, as though it was being lifted up and down. The noise stopped before Parker could get his tape recorder going, or his camera in position. The door never opened.

With the exception of various other noises throughout the house, the remainder of the night was uneventful. He stayed until 7 a. m., then picked up his gear and went home.

While Parker was hunting ghosts, his house on Union St. was the target of funsters or burglars. Mrs. Parker said she was awakened at 3 a. m. by some noises. She looked out the window to see two men on the porch, attempting to gain entry. She shouted at them, she said. One fled and the other ran to a parked car. She was bothered by anonymous telephone calls the remainder of the night.

Parker admitted it was possible that the two men who bothered his wife could have been the same two that gave him a hard time at the Huntington House, but he preferred to think there was no connection.

He's going to try again, but next time he won't publicize the

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The night before my operation — Halloween — John Parker a Springfield architect who rented here in the early fall — spent the night in the Prophet's Chamber and both he and I were rewarded a pretty hectic night of it. Here follows the story in Parker's own words. (See middle of page).

We had a hard snowstorm on the 7th and 8th of Jan. and it was rather spread as I did not get the Boston Herald for Wednesday Jan 8th until Thursday morning and I was very late about reading it — actually at 11:30 when I turned to the 'Deaths' and there I read to my great grief that Maurice Osborn my best friend — died on the 7th and was to be buried from Trinity Church at 2 that very afternoon. Of course it was utterly impossible for me to get there. I telegraphed Nancy at once — and wrote as well. A prompt reply from her told the sad story. He seemed wonderfully well after the Tavern dinner (noted on p. 188) and had a very happy Christmas with all his children at home. The following day he came down with pneumonia and while he was pleasantly ill seemed to be getting over it but his heart could not stand it and he died on Jan 7th. Nancy said that the Tavern Club attended in a body — and of course they would for everyone in the club loved Maurice. He was very dear friends. She and Nancy made a visit here several years ago and he became a member when we organized and has been a devoted friend of P. P. H. ever since always willing and anxious to help in any way he could in his official capacity in the Historical Trust for Historic Preservation.

This is to thank you for letting me stay in your lovely house of Forty Acres. If I didn't get a picture or see a ghost, I did hear the latch on the door by the attic stairs move up and down a distinct three times in succession at 3:00 A. M. My quickened heart told me it would quietly open. However, in the morning, it was still in a closed position, but it could have opened without my seeing it.

It was unfortunate we had those two unwanted persons at the house on Halloween night. I do not want to alarm or upset you, but I feel these two were not pranksters. They had another motive for being there --- possibly to scare or kidnap me (I don't scare easily). Possibly robbery was the motive.

The 2 Troopers who checked over the house with me thought these 2 prowlers found the first floor window by the Greek Porch unlocked, opened it sufficiently, and climbed in. The "draft stick" was found on the newspaper under the window. They thought my believing a man, with his one hand over the flashlight lens, was coming up the front stairs, and my hearing the first 3 treads creak was not imagination. The man was there, they believe.

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HIKE SUNDAY

HADLEY — Members and friends of North Hadley Historical Society will meet Sunday at 1:30 at Kushi's pasture, Mt. Warner Rd., North Hadley, for a hike. Any persons interested in tracing one of the old original roads from Hadley to North Hadley is welcome to join the group. The road goes near the Sessions farm and around the east side of Mt. Warner to an old bridge on the north side of Lake Warner. The return trip will be by "John's Rock" of the mountain, named for a Scotch Highlander captured in Boston during the Revolution. He later became a gardener at Forty Acres.

There will be a picnic at the Leon Kushi home on River Dr. following the hike. In the event of rain, the hike will be cancelled. Further information may be obtained from Miss Ruth Scott or Miss Dorothy Russell.

Sometime in the late Fall, under the inspiration of Ruth Scott there was organized — rather loosely to be sure — a North Hadley Historical Society (and the official name is not the question the name has not been settled.) I have attended most of the meetings and on January 15th read for about ½ hour really very interesting and pertinent extracts from Uncle Theodore Dwight's rambling letters to Helen Dewey about the old days at Forty Acres in her boyhood — covering the 1820's to 1835 or so.

With the Tercentenary almost upon us Hadley has finally awakened to the fact and I have been asked to be a member of the Committee on the Museum and Open House. We have had one meeting — really great fun organized and Miss M. Lawton as our Chairman (in my absence) and Judge Scott as Secretary. Margaret Dwyer has given me valuable data about the similar [illegible]

You have been named to serve as a member of the
Museum and Open House Committee in preparation for
the Tercentenary Celebration of 1959.

You will be notified of your committee meeting
to be called shortly.

Executive Committee

Committee. They recently I have been asked to write an article in "Homesteads Beside the Stockade 1659-1959." I shall try to cover it. I should have much prefered to have covered the dry and history of Medley, standing but others felt that they could do it better and very likely they are right.

Early in January our tenants for the past 3 years told us that they were leaving. Capt. Pollard was married in November (we went to the reception at the Waldorf right here) and goes to California. Paul Brown also goes to California and Pauline Perry 2 years of enlistment are fulfilled and he goes back to civilian life (probably to the University of Maine). Finding that we were & have an empty apartment we immediately got in touch with Leo Ford, an old friend of Genevieve whom we have visited and they have visited us here, he is going ahead fast in the N.E. Tel & Tel. His sister, the wife of a new professor at the University is coming up here with 15th of February and is looking for a place to live. We got in touch with them at once and when they came up here house hunting found our house quite to their liking and their needs and they are moving in on the 15th. Meanwhile the boys are leaving earlier than they expected - giving a farewell party on the 2nd of February and will be about ready to leave the next day - in fact the house probably will be vacant Feb 4th. Prof and Mrs. Fitzgerald seem to promise most pleasant and desirable tenants.

John Parker of Springfield notified us that he was having a 'show' at the great Springfield Library for the month of January. Genevieve and I went down on the 16th. "Ghosts Haunt in N.E." was the title and the water colored views and crayon sketches were really beautiful. A huge showcase of Polly Cook had a prominent place and other water colored sketches of the Smoke House and the Veranda (the latter done from memory and which very attractive was very accurate). He certainly has great talent both hand and pen and should prove a most useful and valuable addition to our membership - he is a corresponding member of the P.O.M. Fraternity.

The water supply has been really mild. Only 3 snow storms but plenty of precipitation - well over the average for the season. There was the

I heard a noise at the first floor, which sounded like it came from the first floor bedroom where Captain Porter's sword hangs. I went thru to the second floor hall, by the attic stairs, and was stationed at the head of the main stairs, holding my flash camera almost on top of the railing. Just after I got in this good position, feeling the ghost would come up the stairs, I saw a feeble, golden "halo" starting for the stairs. I was delighted. The ghost would come up the stairs, and I'd get my picture.

The "halo" or round ball of light became surprisingly stronger, and suddenly puzzled me. It had instantly turned into stripes, first shining on the wall at the left of the stairs then at the balusters at the right of the stairs. Like one reaching for the lovely late-blooming flower, almost touching the blossom, only to see the black spider legs show under the petals, I instantly saw beneath the "halo ghost".

The 2 State Troopers told me it was a good thing I did not take the flash picture. The man may have been masked, so the picture would be of little value, and worse still, he may have been wanted and the picture would have eliminated a last "Chance" for a parolee, for example. He would likely become desperate to destroy the camera and film and would have to slug or shoot me to recover the camera. So what seemed like my unfortunate lean toward the second floor balcony, causing a slight noise, that made the intruder back down the 3 steps he had taken toward the second floor, probably was a lucky noise for me.

After this quick turn of events, I tried to listen where the prowler went, but he must have been a light footed individual, wearing sneakers. I decided I'd got to get to Mrs. Huntington immediately, so she could call the State Police. How could I get there? All the doors were locked. By going to the back of the house, I'd probably be ambushed by the two of them. I believed there were two, as I had heard a noise in the bathroom by the north kitchen, which I thought at the time was a mouse or probably a rat. This first noise I heard was on my first trip thru the Dining Room on the way, with a tape recorder, to the room I was to sleep in above.

I became somewhat more brave when I told myself the prowler was probably a juvenile, shining a flashlight thru the side light at the Greek Porch, and the 3 creaking steps, at the stairs, was the same juvenile walking on the porch boards.

The State Troopers told me I was almost certainly wrong in this deduction, because why would the prowler place his hand over the flashlight, almost concealing all the light at first, if he wanted to get a look at the inside of the house from the porch? How could this striped light shine at the angle it did on the wall, then at the balusters, unless the flashlight was at the stairs, and held some 4 feet above the risers? They said the man was no doubt there, had almost entirely concealed the light with his left hand, when he snapped the light on, to prevent too much light suddenly going on, thus revealing his presence. Then he slowly allowed more light to show, as he felt no one was near. The fact that the intruder quietly got away from the location, when I'd alerted him by a slight noise overhead, would indicate he had not gone out that open window. He had probably headed toward the rear of the house, to join his confederate, for escape, or to lead me toward that first floor north toilet, where the least noise of an outcry could be heard, and I could readily be ambushed. My going out the window, that they had probably used to enter the house, had completely upset their plans. I went out that window, as quietly as a ghost, believe me. The long dark shadow of a large tree came close to this window and gave me a perfect cover to get to the State Road unseen.

to mention the two cats. The dogs brought home a fine shelter coat and the early summer - Eirl by name. The office in the view of the Bristol Chamber is like Megapolis

When I reached the highway, I was surprised to notice that a vacant car, with lights out, that I had previously seen parked at this location, had gone. As a matter of record, I planned to take the license number, color, and make of this car, for future checking. As it was parked on the route I took to reach Mrs. Huntington at the Chaise House. I went over to the further side of the road, and ran in a crouched position to the driveway going to the Chaise House.

I tried to wake Mrs. Huntington by rapping lightly on the front aluminum storm door, then I slightly hit the upstairs Living Room window with small peebles. I was getting a little upset at wasting time, so I decided to ring the bell. This would get me closer to where I thought the men would be hiding -- in the woodshed. If I knew where they had stationed their car, I would be almost certain they were in the woodshed, where I had heard some whispering by the door, thru which I took my equipment. This whispering had taken place shortly after I'd bolted this door, and I thought it may have been your tenants, or at worst, some curiosity seekers outside the house.

Mrs. Huntington knows the rest of the happenings, from the time she turned on the light, to assure herself it was me, at that early hour in the morning. She knows the men were, no doubt, concealed in the woodshed, only a short distance to their car. They were within hearing distance, when Mrs. Huntington opened the door, and I told her there were two prowlers on the loose.

How did the prowler's get from the front of the house to the woodshed? The State Troopers found the door at the head of the old woodshed stairs ajar, enough for a man's body to pass thru. The hasp, evidently, had been jacked loose by them early in the evening, to open the door. Did the 2 men provide 2 ways of escape from the house -- an open front window and the woodshed door at the top of the stairs? Did they hurry, when their plans were upset by me over the "halo ghost" event, thru the first floor to the old fireplace room by the woodshed, up the stairs to the woodshed attic and down the shed stairs to a spot almost behind that pile of birch logs, in the woodshed? Had they purposely relocated their car near their woodshed hiding place, from which Mrs. Huntington had noticed them walking toward their car?

If I'd only noticed their hidden car, between Mrs. Huntington's car and my own car! If only the State Troopers were able to come a little sooner!

I never gave Mrs. Huntington all these details at the time, as I did not want to alarm her unduly. The men had made off, and would not be at the house any longer. I never went into all these details with the 2 State Troopers, as one of them had walked up the old woodshed stairs, had gone thru the open door into the woodshed attic, but had found nothing. They saw the open window by the Greek Porch, and had their ideas on the "halo ghost", after I told them my story.

I'm glad Mrs. Huntington reassured the 4 troopers there had been 2 prowlers, and they did take off. Otherwise, the troopers would certainly question my entire story as a hoax.

I'm so glad these two smoking prowlers did not set the woodshed afire. No amount of money can replace your Forty Acres and its legend.

Again, thank you both for your gracious hospitality and generosity, in allowing me to spend Halloween night in your lovely old homestead.

Thank you, Mrs. Huntington, for the bacon and egg breakfast, which added to my last minute look of enjoyment at the Bishop Huntington House, as I rounded the turn in the driveway, on my return to Springfield.

Sincerely yours,

John C. Parker

John C. Parker, Architect

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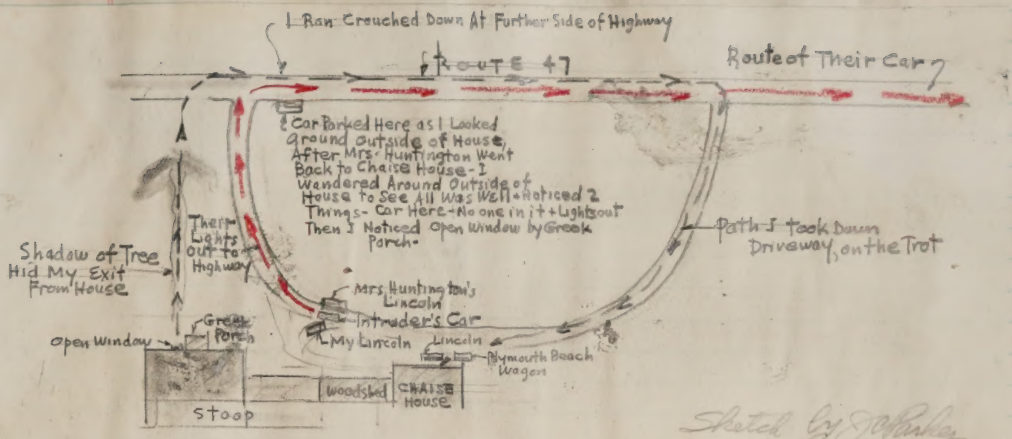
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Route of Their Car
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Their Lights out to Highway
Shadow of Tree Hid My Exit From House
Path I took Down Driveway, on the Trot
Mrs. Huntington's Lincoln
Intruder's Car
My Lincoln
Lincoln
Plymouth Beach Wagon
Greek Porch
open Window
Woodshed
CHAISE HOUSE
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Sketch by [illegible] Architect Nov. 7, 1957

Capt. Stephen Hilliard and bride.

Ruth Scott Feb. 2/58

Al Mueller took this 3 above when Flowers + he + Ruth Scott came to dinner Feb 2/58

Farm Museum Advisory Board Has Organized

HADLEY — The Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture has just announced the appointment of an Advisory Board to assist them in the reorganization of the Farm Museum in Hadley, which they recently acquired. This board consists of President Jean Mather, University of Massachusetts; Frank L. Boyden, Deerfield Academy; Dr. Elinor Smith, Hadley and Smith College; Arthur Hubbard, Sunderland, prominent Conn. Valley farmer; Frank Reynolds, chairman, Hadley Board of Selectmen; Walter Rutter, Littleton; and Roger Johnson, Hadley, donor of the museum to the society.

The board held its first meeting recently at the Lord Jeffrey Inn, Amherst, along with the trustees of the society responsible for the museum; namely, Stephen W. Sabine, Groton; Dudley Rogers, Danvers; and Bayard Tuckerman, Wellesley; as well as Allister F. MacDougall, Westford, director of the museum. The committee organized with Walter Rutter, chairman, and Dr. Smith, secretary. Plans call for complete rearrangement of the museum that now includes about 1,200 items, from large equipment as stage coach and ox cart to numerous small tools as flails and grain cradles, butter churns and wooden plows. It is expected that the museum will be ready for the public May 1, and will be open practically every day until October 15, with a full time curator in charge. The committee hopes to increase the educational value of the museum and create a greater interest in this valuable colection of colonial tools and equipment. An attempt will also be made to supplement the present exhibit. Anyone desiring to make available, or donate, tools and equipment used prior to 1860, is asked to contact the director, A. F. MacDougall, Westford, and after May 1, the museum directly.

Paul, Mary + Barrett, Westworld Sept. 24/57

Jan 29/58 Eden Doris Abramson left in August she sent us her cat Denis (unsexed) and he has been mute ever since. He is fond of birds (I regret to say) but not in the way the Audubon Society dictates! He is a very temperamental creature but very intelligent and on the whole rather adds to our household. I don't think that I have mentioned that my sixth grandchild (Johnny 4th) arrived in June – another boy Benjamin James – named for Ben & myself & for John Wales. Madrica Osborne was over 6 weeks in England the past summer & reported that he was a fine big boy. Paul had a nasty attack of Intestinal Grippe which is very prevalent in Keyesville and quite a few cases of Asiatic Flu. Both after getting back to Richmond but his last letter was very happy & he is looking forward to Hadley again next summer. Mary and David are expecting their second next July.

Feb. 16/58 On Feb. 3rd I had a very bad fall, slipped on a rubber obstacle on the bottom step at the head of the stairs & plunged head long down – fortunately I grabbed the hand rail with both hands, smashing them violently to be sure, throwing my head so hard against the wall that it bled and completely knocked me out. I must have been unconscious for less than 10 minutes and I came to lying on the mat & I must have smacked back as I was coming back to life. My neck was so sore I thought it must be broken also my left jawbone. Jim Averill came right over and felt that it was safest for me to stay at home but advised X-Rays in the morning. I got to the hospital with great difficulty but I made it and X-Rays showed no fractures. I was absolutely laid up for a couple of days and did not get out for 10 days and was almost two weeks before I was pretty stiff and sore but I am improving steadily and expect to be practically well in another week. It was a terrible experience. Paul Brown & Carlos Peery left us on February 4th and we had the floors all done over – and they look wonderfully – and the Fitzgeralds moved in Feb. 15th. He is an engineer and takes up a new Professorship and a new Department at the University. It has to do with the preservation of food values – Vetamins + Calories.

Feb. 24 On February 20th was held at the Hotel Northampton the annual Meeting of the Pioneer Valley Association. It was a very pleasant affair and I addressed and I was able to make some very valuable contacts for the P.P.H. Fund.

Feb. 26 Last night showed slides and told the story of the house and my plans for the future to a small but enthusiastic audience of the Student Union at the University of Massachusetts. It was under the auspices of the History Department

Mar. 24 Very little has occurred this past month. While other parts of the country – even the deep south – have had violent snowstorms and blizzards all about us we have had rather like snow storms average. Only one heavy snow storm of a Sunday and we were all plowed out by 9 A.M. Monday & previous had the difficulty in getting to South Hadley every day. My neck still is a bit uncomfortable but seldom really painful and I go about my business as of yore. The "garden committee" under the direction of Ruth Scott are at work in the garden – cutting down the arbor vitae trees and at least one apple tree. Today all trace of snow has left the fields between us and the river and the river is still low (only 4.2 feet this A.M. in the gorge) but all ready for snow in the hills of N.H. & Vt. are due to be broken and are melting up there at present.

Mar. 29 Went to Fitchburg on the 26 and worked with the Boston Unit at the Blood Program Unit my old fields in the Fitchburg Chapter. Went back to Boston and spent the night at the Parker House coming back to Fitchburg with the Unit. As they went back to Boston to be replaced by the North Adams unit I spent the night at a Motel on the outskirts of Fitchburg and joined our unit on the 28th. Ann Nelson is now the deputy and all the other nurses are new since my last official visit with the Unit. It was good fun being back. We had 3 long days over 120 pints each day. The River is still low & today seems just like Spring – & fact there are peonies in bloom in the sheltered gardens!

March 30 My 78 birthday – Palm Sunday. Bitterly cold day. River remains low.

March 31 "Coffee break" party at Hospital for Beverly Bradford & me. 50 were in Mass. Med. as p. 196

April 3 Went to Chicopee with the Red Cross unit and enjoyed it very much. The sight in my left eye (growing cataract) is getting so bad that I feel something must be done & Dr. Elliot says I should have an operation at once – I had hoped to put it off until October.

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ANNUAL MEETING

All Members and their guests

Hotel Northampton, Coach Light Room
Northampton, Massachusetts

February 20, 1958...Thursday Evening..7 p.m.-9:45 p.m.

Dress: Informal

Special Guests: Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire County Commissioners
Tom Colton of the "Western Massachusetts Highlights" Program Series

PROGRAM

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	"Hello", How Are You?" Social Hour
7:00 p.m.	Dinner Served-$3.25 per person - Roast Turkey (tax & gratuity included)
	Toastmaster - President H. G. Perkins
8:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
	Welcome by Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire County Commissioners
	President's Report
	Financial Report-copies to be distributed
	Report of Nominating Committee for slate of 1958 officers
	Election of Officers & Directors by membership present
8:40 p.m.-9:45 p.m.	Entertainment and Prizes Pioneer Valley "Quizzing-Bee" "Questions Right Up Your Valley"
	Moderator: Tom Colton of the well known "Western Massachusetts Highlights," television program series

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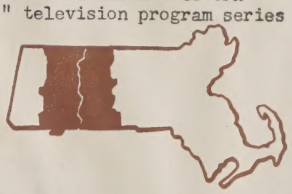
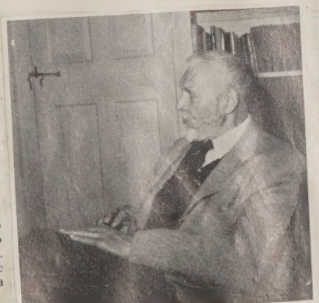


'02 *Acting Secretary,* PHILIP P. THOMPSON 19 Channel Rd., S. Portland, Me.

Class Agent, HERMON W. FARWELL 35 Du Bois St., Noroton, Conn.

Can you recognize the classmate pictured at the top of the page? He was with us at our last reunion.

Not coming from Texas, I can not brag much further of the activities of our classmates except that **Arthur Chivers** told me he took a chance and was elected to the New Hampshire Legislature. The only other two items that I have heard since, refer to two ambitious members highlighted last month. **Arthur Ruggles** has been re-elected to the Rhode Island Parole Board and attended a



A 1902 man whom the class secretary presents as the subject of a guessing game.

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Jim Huntington had a cataract operation last November which he said was hardly more than having a tooth pulled. He had to wear a face mask after the operation and couldn't shave, so, when he took off the mask, he left the beard as in the picture above.

May 5 April was so warm and pleasant the first two weeks that we had the grass all open and span and actually had several tractors (paid!) before the cold rainy set in the last part of the month. The combination of cool early temps to the north created by the warm days and then the rain brought the river well up in our fields — however there was nothing really alarming — still many 'islands' between our bank & the real flood plain. Actually the river only came to the very foot of our bank. I went out again with the Red Cross to help the Ludlow Chapter, mentioned before, because as time that I could not feel that operation was really indicated in my right eye and also that my sight in my left eye (the blind one) had become static, and it was time for it as well. Were indeed glad I. They really must be ready for several weeks however or be advised. Plaster dusted of a Class and then had to come from California. I had to make my visit in Seattle, Washington and I did

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Press NORTHAMPTON, MASS., MONDAY, MARCH 31, 1958—SIXTEEN

Medical Auxiliary Honors 50-Year Practitioners

Dr. L. Beverly Pond of Easthampton and Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley were honored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Hampshire District Medical Society at a coffee hour at Cooley Dickinson Hospital this morning. The two physicians were honored for 50 years each of service to medicine. Pictured above, left to right, are Mrs. C. Keith Wilbur, Mrs. Pond, Dr. Pond, Dr. Huntington, Mrs. Huntington and Mrs. Eugene M. Holden of Amherst, auxiliary president.

Two area physicians with a total of 100 years' service to medicine were honored at Cooley Dickinson Hospital this morning by the Women's Auxiliary of the Hampshire District Medical Society.

Feted were Dr. L. Beverly Pond of Easthampton and Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley, each of whom has contributed 50 years to medicine. The affair was marked by a coffee hour in the doctors' dining room at the hospital.

Both physicians were presented bouquets of flowers and received congratulations from many area physicians who attended.

Pouring were Mrs. Eugene M. Holden of Amherst, auxiliary president, and Mrs. C. Keith Wilbur of Northampton.

The informal reception was held in conjunction with Doctors' Day, which was yesterday. Doctors' Day, proclaimed by many government officials, spotlights the humanitarian services of doctors everywhere.

It originated in Missouri in 1949 and now is observed in most of the 48 states. Yesterday also was the anniversary of the first use of anesthesia in an operation by Dr. Crawford Long in 1842.

An excerpt from the proclamation issued by the governor of Massachusetts is as follows, "Whereas, our physicians, by virtue of years of concentrated preparation and endless study, dedicate their lives to humanity in caring for the sick, restoring health and prolonging life,

"And whereas, by their insistence on high standards of medical care, practice and teaching . . . in the field of research the doctor's contribution to the health and welfare of humanity is incalculable."

L. Beverly Pond was born in Burlington, Conn., on Sept. 22, 1879. He was graduated from Williston Academy, class of 1898, and Yale, class of 1902. He entered Harvard Medical School, graduating in the class of 1906. He returned at various times during his practice for graduate study. After an internship of two years in the Worcester City Hospital, he settled in Easthampton for the practice of medicine in 1908.

He is a member of the staff of the Cooley Dickinson Hospital of Northampton and has served as president of the Hampshire District Medical Society and as its councilor for the Massachusetts Medical Society.

In World War I, he served for five years in the selective service system. Dr. Pond is a member of Masonic groups and of the Easthampton Rotary Club. He is married and has a daughter and two sons, one of whom, Sidney, is a physician in Auburn.

Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, who was born March 30, 1880, in Malden, is a graduate of Dartmouth College, class of 1902, and of Harvard Medical School, class of 1907. During medical school he was a member of the Boylston Medical Society, the Stork Club, Alpha Omega Alpha, the honor society, and the Aesculapian Club, of which he was vice president, then president.

Following service as house officer at the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Boston Lying-in Hospital, Dr. Huntington studied for a year in England, Ireland and Germany, then began the practice of obstetrics and gynecology in Boston on June 1, 1910.

From 1911 to 1915 he served on the staff of the Boston City Hospital and from 1911 to 1922 on that of the Boston Lying-in. During that period he was assistant in obstetrics and gynecology at Harvard Medical School. He was consulting obstetrician at the Cambridge Hospital from 1922 to 1923, then head of the department from 1923 to 1943.

He is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, American Medical Association, Boston Obstetrical Society, of which he was president, New England Pediatric Society, Obstetrical and Gynecological Travel Club.

He also is a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Founders and Patriots, the Sons of Colonial Wars, the Massachusetts Colonial Society, of which he was corresponding secretary, the New England Historic and Genealogical Society, the Huntington Family Association, of which he was secretary and later president, and the Tavern Club of Boston, of which he was secretary for many years.

Put down to attempt the train with my eyesight. Dear Wife the Family Come up from Winchester England & Both End with the Fifty Flasks and Groom Planned a Speech End in Winchester which we made April 21. Found Uncle Woodcock but the rest. Many people with some different and much help & Come out & the hotel and Lee & Grevan and me Stay for a visit.

The Officers and Fellows
of the
Massachusetts Medical Society
cordially invite
James L. Huntington, M.D.
to be present at the
Annual Meeting of the Society
Tuesday afternoon, May 20 at 2:30 o'clock
Nineteen hundred and fifty-eight
in the Georgian Room of the Hotel Statler
to receive from the President of the Society
a Gold Badge in recognition of the
Fiftieth Anniversary
of his Admission to Fellowship

R.s.v.p.

May 5/58

The peonies in the Dunbar garden – of least 8 plants – are blooming as profusely as they did all last summer and on the 23 I picked at least fifty blossoms. When we got home we Boston had we made a big call on Mary in Hubbardville. Bennett is walking with only a little assistance and acting as a monkey – a splendid big boy. My first cake came May 3rd and are wonderful – I wear I never had before. To be sure I am not used to them yet but I am making steady progress. May 3rd was a very busy day here. We had no visitors but many helpers planting seed and picking up the odd garden work of the house under the direction of Ruth Scott. Evelyn here had a letter day for planning because it was day enough to get the spring work under way by the end of May and this year we will have it up before it should rain. May 4th Sunday in spite of cold steady rain we had six visitors. The house looked beautiful with spring flowers, peonies, apple & cherry blossoms + pears + japonica for display in the dining room.

June 10/58

The lilacs began to bloom late on the 10th of May and were very beautiful but not as perfect as in the two previous years but we had vases of lilacs in display for over four weeks. The annual meeting (see p. 199) was well attended and they seemed to be pleased with the room. May was an excellent month especially when one considers that of the 31 days we had 19 rainy days. We had 134 visitors as against 70 a year ago and for the 9 days against 52 last year. Catherine spent a long week end here at the time of the annual meeting and a short week end earlier in May.

My peonies entirely blossom with a profusion that really breaks me down! I picked over 100 blossoms 2 or 3 times a week. The yellow lilies in the north garden and the iris in the sunken garden here kept my vases very beautiful following the spring flowers (bulbs) and the first blossoms and now the dahlias are just coming along – very beautiful. I have had much praise for my floral displays.

Florence Richardson came for the Summer last night.

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PIONEER VALLEY TOUR

A recent cross-section tour of Pioneer Valley introduced a party of New York City travel writers to the many attractions of the area during a week end excursion, sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Association. The travel writers were impressed with what they saw and had the time of their lives exploring the scenic loveliness of The Valley and visiting persons and places of outstanding interest. Making their headquarters at the Hotel Northampton, where they were guests of management, the writers were given a lavish glimpse of Valley hospitality at its finest at luncheons and dinners held for them at Wiggins Old Tavern, the Lord Jeffery Inn, Amherst, and Old Storrowton Tavern on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield. Our photographer secured these pictorial highlights of the trip.

HISTORIC RESIDENCE
Pioneer Valley president Gordon E. Ainsworth, of Deerfield, is shown on the grounds of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Hadley. The travel writers paid a midnight visit to the house in an attempt to catch a glimpse of its famous ghost. But the ghost turned bashful, refused to make an appearance.

INFORMAL INTERVIEW
Arthur Howe explains to radio commentator Paul Andrews how his broom corn needles and knives are used by broom manufacturers all over the world.

This New York group brought by Barbara Loraven came on a day that filled our little kitchen to overflowing and I told the story of the house to a tape recording. Then we all went over to the Nathaniel Chamberlain where a tape recording was continued until after midnight. There must have been twenty in the group.

June 10/58. We are making elaborate plans for the opening Sunday afternoon tea season June 29th. Mrs. Oliver Edwards Hubbard and Mrs. Andrews of Greenfield are putting on a real show "The Drama of the Early Years at Forty Acres" illustrated with family costumes. We have been at the through the good offices of Mrs. Ray of Douglas and Dutch via Art Dent of Chicago just over 100. This will be a great folk.

Nov. 11/58 Looking back at the Summer our events must be related. The three Sunday Teas were very successful. The first was so well attended that many failed to really even see the performance. Our last part of the program for those that did attend would have been much improved. The second and the most brilliant of the three - really wonderful music

The Derby Dynasty attended because of rain. The third we had a very hot day so the audience moved out of doors and the performers retired to

HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE, NORTHAMPTON, MASS., SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1958

HADLEY

Dr. Huntington Re-elected To Head House Foundation

HADLEY — The annual Porter-Phelps Huntington House Foundation, Inc., election here yesterday in First Church re-elected Dr. James Lincoln Huntington president. Also elected were: vice president, Alfred C. Muller; clerk, William E. Dwyer; treasurer, George B. May; directors for three years, Mrs. Stephen Brown, Mrs. William M. Craven, Aubrey B. Butler, Dr. Huntington and John C. Parker. Reports were read and accepted from the curator, treasurer and head of the maintenance committee.

Site of the meeting was the building which was planned by Architect Charles Phelps, who built the Huntington House known as Forty Acres on River Dr.

The famed home is also known locally as the Bishop Huntington House and was built in 1752. It was added to, altered and enriched until 1799, since when there has been structural change. There has never been a division of contents of the house. The large collection of family papers with the signature of original settlers in Hampshire County goes back to 1697. The household articles include pieces brought to Dorchester from England in 1631 and contributions from every generation for the next 175 years.

The Playhouse in Provincetown now owned (½) by Catherine S. Huntington

Darcy, Mary, J. Benott and Sarah Phelps made our all too short week-end visit here. Paul left for us most August after a most delightful visit of nearly two months. We had the most wonderful season of the 1200 rentals from foreign countries, 315 Colo plus 75 towns and cities in Massachusetts. With the large number of cabins and it was also much the most successful financially.

We saw much of our tenants Mr. Fitzgerald socially. We renovated the lower floor of the Chase House. Eliminating the pantry by putting Cabinets in the dining room & new stove and counters around the room with a picture window over it, completely changed the kitchen. Then with the pantry and the closet we had in the Bath we installed a toilet and an adequate closet. We did this as an investment of capital.

Florence was with us from June until early September and kept the place in very beautiful.

With as much to be done before the Fair Year and with the interest shown by the College I put off the date for my second cataract operation until February. Speaking of the interest shown by the College — Claire Mc Cluskey came here in Oct and early October from the University Campus & Offices and met many times with what we had to offer. Prof. Mabey of Amherst has definite ideas of getting support for the house and its future as a leading family for the Five Colleges and is definitely working on it. Mr. Parker is supposed getting estimates on what it would cost to make the necessary changes.

Fred Adams made a most careful study of the contents of the house making an inventory room by room for insurance purposes. He was most generous in giving the Foundation his valuable time and without compensation. He has consented to accept the position of Associate Curator Furniture & Antiques.

Anne, Peter, Paul & Benjamin James
My Grand Children. Christmas 1957

Dr. James L. Huntington

3 Area Doctors To Be Honored By State Group

Three area doctors who will observe their 50th year of membership in the Massachusetts Medical Society this year will be honored by the society at its 177th annual meeting in Boston May 20-22.

They are: Dr. Robert F. Morrison, 403 Pleasant St., Holyoke, retired for a great many years; Dr. James L. Huntington, Hadley, and Dr. Lucius B. Pond, Easthampton. They will receive 50-year gold badges in absentia.

Dr. Huntington is a 1907 graduate of Harvard Medical School and served his internship at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Lying-In Hospital. Dr. Huntington specialized in obstetrics and gynecology. He has been consulting obstetrician at the Cooley-Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. He has instructed at Boston City Hospital, Boston Lying-In and at Harvard.

Dr. Huntington is presently curator of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in Hadley, a recent "Transcript House of the Week." He received an award of merit in 1955 from the Ass'n of State and Local Historical Societies for his work in preserving this ancestral home.

Dr. Huntington has two sons, Dr. Benjamin L. Huntington of Boston and John E. Huntington of London, England.

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My brother Paul was of great help to the Foundation. On many busy days he was able to show the visitors in a way that really kept my work moving more rapidly. He also did a splendid job cataloguing old letters and found many interesting and valuable facts about the history in the years following the diary of the Little Episcopal Church of Hadley and the Rev. Mr. Elizabeth and their entertainment of Bishop K.

10—Holyoke (Mass.) Transcript-Telegram, Saturday, April 26, 1958

Around The House

House Turned Museum - Forty Acres In Hadley

PORTER-PHELPS-HUNTINGTON HOUSE, or 40 Acres, as it has been known since the earliest days of Old Hadley, stands on the road to Sunderland, two miles past Hadley Center. Building at right is original dwelling, built in 1752. Restored cottage at left, once the chaise house, is connected to main building by series of colonnaded sheds. Sunken garden in foreground is site of old barn.

By Anne Buffington

On Thursday next, May 1, this House of the Week will be open for the public to inspect at leisure.

This article is therefore something in the nature of a preview for those in the Holyoke area who have not yet paid a visit to a home described as "The most perfect house in New England to teach colonial history."

The words belong to Samuel Morison distinguished professor of American history at Harvard University.

The house is the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Forty Acres in Old Hadley, on route 47 two miles north of the route 9 junction.

Samuel Porter, one of the first inhabitants of Hadley, put up the original portions of the house in 1752. His descendents added to the house in 1782, 1785 and 1799. Since that time there have been no structural changes in the building.

The unique thing about Forty Acres is that it has been in the hands of the same family for ten generations. Every single item in the house has belonged to that family for 100, 200, 300 years.

There has been no frantic search for antiques to enhance the colonial atmosphere of the home. Rather, the existing furnishings have been painstakingly assembled, restored and re-arranged to preserve the authentic period character of Forty Acres.

The homestead of Forty Acres when completely developed comprised the original dwelling, a line of sheds, the chaise house and a barn.

The barn has been transplanted into Hadley Center as the Farm Museum. The chaise house has been rebuilt, using much of the original materials, and converted into a two-story "cottage."

The current residents of Forty Acres, Dr. James L. Huntington and his wife, use the cottage as their home.

Home To Museum.

About mid-way down the line of sheds, Forty Acres becomes a museum. The land and buildings, including the original 1792 dwelling, have been turned over to the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation.

It has been thru the determination and devoted efforts of Dr. Huntington that the old house has become an historic landmark of public dimensions. He has poured his time, efforts and substance into Forty Acres and acts as curator and guide for the foundation which now owns the property.

It takes money as well as devotion to run a museum. Historical societies insist upon substantial endowment before assuming responsibility for an antique establishment, no matter how notable it might be.

The foundation could not accept Dr. Huntington's gift of land, house and contents until the financial future of Forty Acres looked reasonably assured.

Forty Acres subsists upon foundation memberships, sponsorship of private individuals, bequests, tour fees and proceeds from special musical programs during the summer months.

Contents of Forty Acres have been appraised at well over $50,000. In addition to the actual furnishings, including some of the finest early American antiques extent, the archives of the early residents have provided a lively documentation of colonial, revolutionary and post-revolutionary history.

The valley colleges and the university are particularly interested to see the museum kept open during winter months that students might use the old records for research purposes.

Invaluable Archives.

The fact that there are family documents in the house bearing signatures of 3 signers of the Declaration of Independence and

tive presidents is unusual, to be sure. But what excites the historian is that journals have been preserved which give detailed and intimate observations of New England life from 1763 thru 1812.

To date, the museum has been kept open only from May thru October. Altho Dr. Huntington's mother and grandparents both used the home as a summer residence, Forty Acres has not been open year-round for nearly 100 years. The doctor speculates that the contents are in such good condition because they were used only for a few months out of every twelve.

Forty Acres, with its two main buildings connected by the rambling series of sheds, is a familiar and impressive landmark along the road to Sunderland.

The character of the house changes radically on its western exposure, fronting the Connecticut River. Squire Charles Phelps added to the building in 1799 a sprawling veranda, known as the "stoop" along the lines of a southern plantation house. According to Dr. Huntington, it is the only such veranda to be found north of the Mason Dixon.

The veranda is a clue to the sort of life which went on at Forty Acres. It was, indeed, a 1000 acre plantation, with slaves, indentured servants and apprentices a part of the farming operation. Out on the veranda, at the long unpainted tables, the plantation hands took their meals.

18th Century Showpiece.

Even before the turn of the 19th century, Forty Acres was considered quite a showpieces. Timothy Dwight, then president of Yale, recorded that fact in "Dwight's Travels in New England and New York."

He wrote: "Among the interesting objects in this neighborhood, the farm of Charles Phelps, Esquire, about two miles north of the town, deserves the notice of the traveller. . .

"The scenery both near and distant is eminently delightful; and within convenient distances, all the pleasures of refined and intelligent society may be easily enjoyed.

"In a word, this estate is the most desirable possession of the kind, and extent, within my knowledge."

The interior of the home so abounds in historical and antiquarian treasures that the reporter despairs of any attempts at thumb-nail sketching.

The recommendation is that those with an interest in Early New England life pay an early call to Forty Acres. Dr. Huntington's running account of the house is flavored with the history of his interesting and distinguished family.

Thru his minute familiarity with the records of his prdecessors he is able to infuse the spirit of an earlier epoch into a mid-20th century travelog.

Some Ancestors.

Among these figures from the past is Capt. Epes Sargent, the seafarer known from the Orient to St. Petersburg as the "little American captain who looks like Napolean."

There was the original house-
uilder, Samuel Porter, the first
esident of Hadley to put his home
orth of the stockade when the
ndians no longer presented an
ctive threat. This Porter was evi-
ently a landowner of consider-
ble means and it would seem he
an the first still in Hampshire
ounty.

Another noteworthy resident, not
f the family, was John Morrison,
Scotman captured during the
evolutionary War who was taken
Forty Acres to serve as the lady
the house during those years
eferes to the gardener as "the
aptive" in her journals.

The Squire, Charles Phelps was
man of considerable public sta-
ire and variable talents. He rep-
sented Hadley in the Great and
eneral Court in Boston during
e late years of the 18th century.
e was a Deacon of the church
Hadley and Squire of the town

nder four governors of Massa-
usetts.

He was also an engineer and
nateur architect of considerable
erit. It was he who added the
reek porch to the front entrance
the original house, swung the
ouse around from fronting north
fronting east, constructed the
mbreled roof on the home, put
the graceful row of sheds and
esigned the well-proportioned
rn.

he Haunted Huntington

Forty Acres has acquired consid-
able attention apart from its
rchitectural and historical fea-
res. It is known in Hadley as
me of a famous Huntington
ost. All the residents in the last
0 years have felt aware of "un-
plained manifestations."

Footsteps have been clearly aud
e. Latches have risen and fall-

n. An empty bed has born the
nprint of an uninvited and un-
en guest.. The spinning wheel
as been heard to spin without
xplainable assistance. And the
untingtons have become familiar
ith a figure in "a full skirt of
ddly patterned deign and frilled
hite cap."

The reputation of Forty Acres
s a haunted house has been help-
l as a deterrent to prowlers and
andals. The house has had
battle the nearby Connecticut
iver more often than captious
ntruders.

We will mention only a few of
res at Forty Acres: the front
oor lyre, a piece from the French
mpire period, which announces
ach visitor with a tune.

The marvelous trestle table in
e kitchen, considered one of the
nest of its era. The second-floor
oking oven which still preserves
flavor of hams in its depths.

The shutter arrangements which
compass every known shutter
sign from the early American
riod. The finely paneled kitch-
chamber, plastered over for a
ntury and unexposed until Dr.
ntington had the covering re-
ved.

n 1955 Dr. Huntington receiv-
an award of merit from the
erican Assn. for State and Lo-
History for his one-man effort
keep Forty Acres alive.

Area residents are fortunate in-
ed to have such a complete
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RIVERSIDE VIEW of 40 Acres presents a completely different facet of the house. The southern-style veranda was adapted to the uses of a plantation. Slaves and other farm hands ate at long table out here.

CURATOR AT WORK—Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, descendant of the original builders of 40 Acres, has turned his ancestral home into a museum. He is seated in the dining room at a rare family antique, a sideboard with butler's desk.

GHOST ROOM AT FORTY ACRES is the downstairs bedroom. It is alleged that this bed has borne the imprint of an unexplained and unseen visitor.

This interesting account, not
no more than the average com-
mercial writing, and published
in an Official Edition of the
N.Y. Herald Tribune Telegram
by a charming girl who
spent a whole morning here
taking photographs and
official notes. She was
so impressed with what
she saw and heard that
she became a member
of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington
Foundation. She surely
proved valuable to me.

Early in October the
Pioneer Valley Resident +
Director brought a Feature
write-up from the Associated
Press — Jay Miller to
Forty Acres. She spent about three hours here
taking photographs and notes and as a
result a delightful Halloween Ghost Story
with much about the house, its contents and
its curator, literally swept the country — appearing
in over 400 papers from the Atlantic to the
Pacific. Invited to Southern Florida. Such
publicity must increase our existing list
of Active members. It certainly
has increased the mail coming to the
Curator.

Catherine has made two visits here
since her most successful season at
Provincetown. Barrett was at Keene but did
not get home at all this summer nor was
able to get to Roots although Paul did and gave a good report of the family at Fox
Hills.

Earliest Days At Forty Acres To Be Told

A dramatic presentation of early life at Forty Acres will be featured at Porter-Phelps-Huntington House on River Dr. Sunday afternoon at 4. It will be preceded by the first informal public tea of the summer season at 3. The dramatization will be a forerunner of the historic celebration next year as it depicts social history of Hadley.

The script based mainly on information gathered from the 18th century diaries, letters and writings of Elizabeth Porter Phelps who is well known to the family as the friendly ghost who returns periodically to visit her old home.

Mrs. F. Raymond Andrews of Greenfield, the author of the drama, used the book, "Forty Acres," written by Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, as a source for the 19th Century scenes.

Mrs. Ward Bryant of Greenfield is to be the narrator.

Some of the lovely old gowns worn in the drama were in the wardrobe of members of the Por- - Phelps - Huntington family. ne wedding dress of Elizabeth Pitkin Porter, the first mistress of Forty Acres, will be shown. All of the costuming and stage management is under the direction of Mrs. Olive Comins Hubbard of Sunderland, who is curator of the old gowns at Forty Acres.

Among those in the cast are: Mrs. Charles McLaughlin and daughter Evelyn, Misses Pattie and Betty Jekanowski, Master Mickey Yurkewicz, all of Sunderland; Miss Gale Kauffman, North Amherst; Miss Mabel Brown, Deerfield; Lincoln Barnes, Miss Charlotte Matusko, Miss Rebecca French, all of Amherst; Miss Joyce Pellock, South Deerfield; Miss Carol Jekanowski, Mrs. Genevieve Huntington, Rev. M. Paul Huntington, all of Hadley, and Mrs. George Pratt, Northampton, soloist, as Jenny Lind.

The colonial mansion, Forty Acres, will be open before and after the entertainment. Visitors should take the opportunity to visit or revisit the unique home museum which has seen no structural changes since 1799 and is furnished with the possessions of a single family accumulated through several generations. Fascinating stories about each item can be told by curator and guide Dr. James L. Huntington, the great-great-great-grandson of Capt. Moses Porter, who chose to build in 1752, the first house outside the stockade in Hadley.

Comings events: July 6, Stusick Harp and Instrumental Trio; July 13, Northampton String Quartet.

"Forty Acres" Play Sunday In Hadley

A dramatization of early life at Forty Acres will open a series of Sunday afternoon programs at the Porter - Phelps - Huntington House, Hadley Sunday at 4 p.m.

The playlet will in the shed, preceded at 3 p.m. by an informal public tea. The script has been based upon 18th century diaries and letters of Elizabeth Porter Phelps, known to her descendents as the friendly ghost who periodically returns to visit the old home.

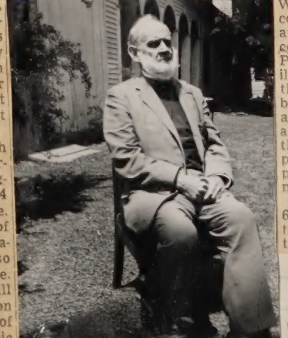
Source material for the 19th century scenes has been gathered from Dr. James L. Huntington House, Hadley, Sunday at 4 torial history of his family home.

Mrs. F. Raymond Andrews of Greenfield is author of the drama and Mrs. Ward Bryant, also of Greenfield, will narrate. Many of the gowns which will be worn in the presentation come from the wardrobes of former residents of the historic mansion. Costuming and stage management is under the direction of Mrs. Olive Comins Hubbard of Sunderland, curator of old gowns at Forty Acres.

Members of the cast will be Mrs. Charles McLaughlin, Miss Evelyn McLaughlin, Miss Pattie Jekanowski, Miss Betty Jekanowski and Mickey Yurkewica, Sunderland; Miss Gale Kauffman, North Amherst; Miss Mabel Brown, Deerfield; Miss Charlotte Matusko, Miss Rebecca French and Lincoln Barnes, Amherst; Miss Joyce Pellock, South Deerfield.

Also Rev. M. Paul Huntington, Mrs. James L. Huntington and Miss Carol Jekanowski, Hadley. Mrs. George Pratt, Northampton soprano, will appear as Jenny Lind.

The house will be open for inspection before and after the play. Other events planned for the 1959 season include concerts by the Stusick Harp and Instrumental Trio on July 6 and by the Northampton String Quartet on July 13. The small admission charge will be applied toward maintenance of the building.



Paul as "the Bishop"

Fine Presentation At Forty Acres

HADLEY — A capacity audience yesterday afternoon witnessed a dramatic presentation of the early life of Forty Acres at the historic Porter-Phelps-Huntington House on River Dr. It was preceded by the first informal public tea of the summer season. The dramatization was particularly timely as it depicts social history of the town which will be 300 years old next year.

The script was based mainly on information gathered from the 18th century diaries, letters and writings of Elizabeth Porter Phelps, well known to the family as the friendly ghost who returns periodically to visit her old home. These visits were the theme of an article in a national magazine.

Mrs. F. Raymond Andrews of Greenfield, author of the dramatization, used the book "Forty Acres" by Dr. James L. Huntington as a source for the 19th century scenes. The diary and narration which form a running commentary throughout and background for the period gowns and costumes, was given by Mrs. Ward Bryant of Greenfield. The costumes were just beautiful and very authentic, some even coming from wardrobes of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington family. The models chosen to wear these gowns and depict members of the family were all very attractive and somehow managed to be the right sizes for the small waisted styles of the period. The children who appeared were very sweet and well-mannered.

Coming events include on July 6, a Stusick Harp and Instrumental Trio, and July 13, Northampton String Quartet.

Dec. 1859 The Old Elm Tavern Hotel (acc. 170) on N. Main St. Nov. 30, Dec. 1 2 Because of my age + the difficulty I have in walking because of my foot, I reserved early that I could get a room (as usual) to see the daughters in Holyoke and Springfield most Thanksgiving and as a result I was not at a most delightful time. The boys (10 the count of 23 and almost as many of the wives) were very gay and literally ran up and down stairs and across all streets. I was a bit apprehensive lest in my views of a city many good eyes would not be. The story was very good about putting in the color wire a day and I was much better than I got back. But more I see Dr. Bishop when I got back and to remove the little spot and centerized it.

Tea Table

Generation

The Curator on duty

Generation in Costume

String Quartet Featured at Tea

The final concert in the series being held at the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house will take place Sunday, July 13. Tea will be served at 3 p.m. and the concert featuring a string quartet will be held in the shed at 4 p.m.

The program will include Haydn Opus 77, No. 1, G Major, and Mozart, D Minor. The quartet is composed of Mrs. Stephen Brown of Amherst, Mrs. Louise Rood, professor of music at Smith college, Mrs. Florence Duvall Smith, teacher of violin, and Kenneth Josephson of Holyoke, teacher of cello at Deerfield academy.

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Museum Pieces Shown Guides At Huntington House

HADLEY—Dr. James L. Huntington, curator of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House on River Dr., is shown pointing out rare museum pieces to 11 women who will serve as guides for those who attend on Sunday afternoon the tea and dramatization in the colonial home. Seated are Mrs. Michael Burek, Mrs. Richard Southwick and Mrs. Earle Tarbox; standing, Miss Helen E. Nash, Mrs. Merritt Bristol, Miss Alice Russell, Mrs. James L. Huntington, Miss Evelyn Woodland, Miss Ruth Scott, Miss Dorothy Russell and Mrs. George T. Pratt.

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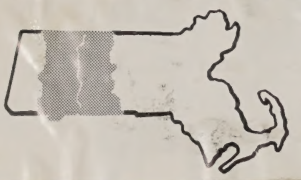

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Historic Houses, Museums In Pioneer Valley Listed

Hadley

The Farm Museum, Route 9, Hadley Center, 1783 barn housing rare collections of early farm implements and early vehicles. Emily Dickinson's family coach with silver handles on door. Open May 1-Nov. 1, Saturday and Sunday, from 2-5 p. m. No charge.

Porter - Phelps Huntington House, built 1752. This historic house recently pictured in Life Magazine has seen on structural change since 1799. The homestead is replete with original family antique furnishings, colonial museum pieces, and historic documents are on display. Open daily from early May to Oct. 12. Small admission charge.

Holyoke

In the red brick Memorial Hall Museum, the original home of Deerfield Academy, are commemorative tablets to early settlers who were killed or "captivated" and carried off to Canada during the French and Indian Wars, such as the one to "Mary, adopted by an Indian, was named Walahowey. She married a savage and became one." Here is the door from the one house which was able to hold out during the attack of 1704. In a hole made by a tomahawk, through which the attackers could shoot at those inside, a tomahawk rests today.

The later period of fine colonial architecture is also found in the valley. An outstanding example is the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House just north of Hadley. Built in 1752, this beautiful home has had no structural changes since 1799. Owned by Dr. James Huntington, a descendant of the builder, the house is furnished with original family antiques. It is open to the public daily from May to October.

Ancient Hadley House Complete With Ghost

By WAYNE A. SMITH

Ever see a ghost? Ever see and hear Jenny Lind? Ever rub elbows with the 18th Century for an entire afternoon? We did.

The occasion was last Sunday; the place, the Porter-Phelps - Hunting House in Hadley known in that vicinity as "Forty Acres".

It's a great rambling structure, almost as spacious as its name implies. It's on the Hadley Road from Sunderland and although well known to students of the past and Connecticut Valley lore it had not fallen into our attention until an invitation disclosed a dramatization of "Early Life at Forty Acres", to be presented by a number of area residents on Sunday at 4.

Drama, Setting Complete

It would be difficult to say which was the more interesting, the drama or the setting. Or perhaps it was the costuming department and even the punch served on the front lawn had a tang to match the sparkle of a bright warm summer day.

Whereas it is customary to review the play before giving credit to the stage crew and properties department it seems essential this time to give "Forty Acres" itself special prominence.

This is the mansion built by Capt. Moses Porter three years before he was killed in battle in the French War in 1755. His only child, Elizabeth, grew up on the place and when 22 was married to Charles Phelps. In her early life, before she wed, she started a diary. It was upon this that the Sunday afternoon pageant was based.

Phelps trained for the law. He was a man of enterprise and keen business ability. During the years he more than doubled the extent of the land inherited by his wife until it became a plantation of more than 1000 acres. He continued to increase the size and beauty of the house until it reached its present magnitude in 1799, 15 years before he died. And since then there has been no structural change.

He and Elizabeth had two children, a son and daughter, and when the former died this son was a lawyer in Boston. Two years after he returned to Hadley, built a large house across the road and brought all his Boston possessions. When his mother died his sister inherited the house and contents almost intact. She returned to Hadley with her husband, Rev. Dan Huntington, a retired clergyman, with their six sons and three daughters.

Became A Bishop

After moving to Hadley another daughter was born and a son. This seventh son, Frederic, was so devoted to the homestead that when his mother died in 1847 he bought up the shares of his brothers and sisters and in 1864 owned the entire estate with contents of the house intact. This became his summer home while he was rector of Emmanuel Church in Boston and after 1869, when he became Bishop of Central New York.

The Bishop died in the home of his birth in July 1904. His son, Rev. George Putnam Huntington, D.D., died on the same day. The inheritance thus came directly to his six children. For 20 years the estate was undivided until it was purchased intact by the present owner, Dr. James L. Huntington.

To make a still longer story short, the home has not been altered structurally since 1799 and in 1752 it was the first home built in Hadley outside the stockade.

Window To Past

The dramatization told in part the life of those who lived on the estate in its early years. Elizabeth Porter Phelps' diary was no literary masterpiece, but it gave to the region a window through which something of the past can be viewed with accuracy.

To this member of the audience it seemed that the life of a young lady in those days was drenched in sadness. Only once was there evidence of great joy. That was when she gave birth to her son. Death, sickness and troubles of various kinds hovered ever around her just as she today is said to be hovering about the old house in search perhaps for a missing part of her diary.

One of the hostesses kindly pointed out the bed where she still sleeps. It's true, because a slight indentation in the pillow always returns as soon as the bed has been made up—they say.

Jenny Lind got into this story by way of Northampton, only a few miles away. The great singer came to the valley and gave a concert there, but not everyone who wished was able to get into the hall. However, those who did told in great detail about the striking—and perhaps, daring—gown which she wore, her beautiful voice, and the occasion which became historic.

Jenny Lind came back Sunday in the form of Mrs. George Pratt of Northampton who sang "Danny Boy" and a bit of "Comin' Through the Rye".

Greenfield Dramatist

The dramatization was by Mrs. F. Raymond Andrews of Greenfield and it was read by Mrs. Ward Bryant of the same place. Many of the gowns came from wardrobes of former residents of the mansion. Costuming and stage direction was by Mrs. Olive Comins Hubbard of Sunderland, curator of old gowns at Forty Acres.

Rev. M. Paul Huntington appeared as the Bishop and Miss Mabel Brown of Deerfield as his wife. One of the choice bits of the pageant was the taking of the family photograph by Harry Wentworth of Greenfield, an avid photographer in his own right.

Others participating included Mrs. Charles McLaughlin, Miss Jekanowski, Miss Betty Jekan- Evelyn McLaughlin, Miss Pattie owski and Mickey Yukewica of Sunderland; Miss Gale Kauffman of North Amherst, Miss Rebecca French and Lincoln Barnes, Amherst; Joyce Pielock, South Deerfield; Mrs. James L. Huntington and Carol Jekanowski, Hadley.

Seek To Preserve

This was the first of several special events scheduled at the estate this summer in an effort to raise funds to repair and preserve the place. On Sunday afternoon there will be a concert by the Stusick Harp and Instrumental Trio; on July 13, the Northampton String Quartet.

And, of course, there's always the great old house which in itself is a pageant of the past. In many respects it is the most authentic bit of history to be found in New England. But beware, lest you, too, become a ghost as we almost did.

There's one particularly dark passageway on the second floor. Following a line of visitors, half stooping lest we bump our head on a rafter, and believing there was a high rise just ahead, one foot came up to meet it. But it was just a ghost and the foot went down with a thud which must have frightened little Elizabeth away for at least several weeks.

Stusick Trio To Play Here

HADLEY—The Stusick Trio of ringfield will present a musi- le Sunday afternoon at 4 at the rter-Phelps-Huntington House River Dr., preceded by the sec- d informal public tea at 3. The rp and instrumental group in- ades Veleda and Mary Alice th their mother, Mrs. Stanley Stusick. Both girls are mem- rs of the Youth Symphony Or- estra and have performed on any occasions for colleges, tele- sion, school orchestras, women's ubs and social affairs.

Selections to be played are Corelli's Sonata for two violins and harp; Handel's Sonata for flute and harp; several harp solos by both Veleda and Mary-Alice, including compositions by Hasselmans, Sevasta, Kreisler, Renie, Bizet, Chopin, Danda, Paderewski and Wieniavski.

Forty Acres is an appropriate setting for a Sunday afternoon musicale. Mrs. Ruth Huntington Sessions, a fine musician, spent many a summer at this ancestral home. Her son, Roger Sessions, an outstanding American composer, spent many hours here, too, visiting the home of his grandfather, Bishop Huntington. Local women acting as guides will be under the direction of Mrs. Michael Burek of North Hadley. They will assist Dr. James L. Huntington in telling the story of the home museum and its contents. The house will be shown before and after the musicale. In the picture, Mary-Alice is on the left.

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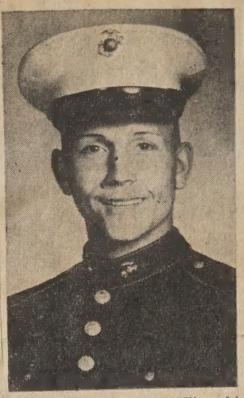

HADLEY—David J. Klimoski, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Klimoski of 49 River Dr., completed recruit training recently at the Marine Corps recruit depot at Parris Island, S. C.

The 12-week training schedule included drill, bayonet training, physical conditioning, parades and ceremonies, and other military subjects. Three weeks were spent on the rifle range where the recruits fired the M-1 rifle and received instruction in basic Marine infantry weapons.

The recruit training prepares young leathernecks for further specialized infantry training at Camp Lejeune, N. C., prior to assignment to Marine posts, ashore, or afloat.

David K Klimoski who has spent many hours with his at Forty Acres is now in the Marines

Ghost Hunter Wins Art Prize On North Shore

John C. Parker of 359 Union St., Springfield, architect and noted ghost hunter, has won second prize in the professional water color class at the Newburyport Art Association's annual exhibition of paintings, drawings and handcrafts now being held at the historic Court House on the Mall in Newburyport.

Mr. Parker's winning painting is "Ocean-Born Mary Ghost House." Other entries were two black and white crayon drawings, "West Point Chapel" and "Bishop Huntington House." The original Huntington mansion stands on River Road, Hadley.

This colonial, gambrelled-roof house is reportedly visited by the ghost of one of the ladies of the Porter-Huntington families. Parker remained overnight there in October with the hope of catching the ethereal wraith's image on his camera lens. The first attempt was a failure, but he plans to return again to keep a midnight vigil with this figure from the past.

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Area Artists In Recital Sunday

Local artists who will perform as a string quartet on Sunday at 4 p.m. in the third informal tea to be presented at the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in North Hadley are, left to right, back row, Florence Duvall Smith, Elsa Parshley Brown, Louise Rood; cellist, Kenneth Josephson.

HADLEY — The Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in North Hadley will present at the third informal public tea, on Sunday, a string quartet composed of well-known local artists; Elsa Brown, Louise Rood, Florence Duvall Smith and Kenneth Josephson.

Miss Rood, professor of music at Smith College, is one of the leading violists of the country. This summer she will play in chamber music concerts at the Cummington School of Arts, the Deerfield Museum and the Dushkin School in Weston, Vt. As chairman of the committee of the Valley Music Press, which publishes limited editions of contemporary music, she was partly responsible for the publication of chamber music composed by Quincy Porter of Yale University, who is related to the Porters of Forty Acres, where Miss Rood will be playing this Sunday.

Mrs. Smith taught for many years in the Manhattan School of Music in New York City before coming to Northampton. She is presently a teacher of violin, the concert mistress of the Pioneer Valley Symphony and a member of the Springfield Symphony. She and the other members of the quartet have given active support to many musical groups throughout the valley.

Mr. Josephson of Holyoke received his B.S. in music theory at Columbia University, graduating with honors. His M.A. in composition and cello was granted by the Eastman School of Music. He has been teaching cello at Deerfield Academy and this coming year will be at Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa., where he will teach theory, counterpoint, and cello, in addition to conducting the orchestra and band.

Mrs. Stephen Brown of Amherst began playing in local music groups several years before she attended Smith College as a scholarship music student. Among her many civic contributions, she was the organizing chairman of the Orchestral Concert program for the Northampton schools and of the Hampshire Choral Society. Locally, Mrs. Brown and her children have presented programs to illustrate the enjoyment of playing ensemble music as a family. As an incorporator and director of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation, she is instrumental in bringing the quartet to perform at Forty Acres.

The home museum which rapidly is becoming recognized as an important American heritage, will be open for inspection at 3 p.m. The concert will be in the shed at 4 p.m.

The program to be presented includes two classic string quartets: Haydn Opus 77 G major and Mozart D minor.

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HOLD FIRE DRILLS AT ALL SCHOOLS

HADLEY — Bruce E. Bradford, superintendent of schools, announces that the Hadley school system is preparing for Fire Prevention Week which takes place Oct. 5-11 by having fire drills in all schools. Sergio Orsini, deputy fire chief, was the official observer and made several suggestions to speed the removal of the youngsters from the school building. The fastest time to evacuate a complete building was 35 seconds which was done by Russell School. This program will culminate in a visit from the fire truck and Smokey the Bear during Fire Prevention Week.

The American History classes of Hopkins Academy, along with their teacher, Mr. Connelly, visited the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house Thursday morning. The classes were greeted by Dr. Huntington, who explained briefly the history of the now famous museum. With his sister, Dr. Huntington then took the classes on a tour of the home explaining the significance of the many documents, pictures and other historical items. The tour made American history much more realistic to the students.

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(For use Sunday, Oct. 26, with Joy Miller's Hadley, Mass., APN story for Halloween on Elizabeth Porter Phelps, genteel ghost.)

THE HAUNTED FOUR-POSTER

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"Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely

DAYTONA BEACH, FLOR

ELIZABETH, THE GENTLE GHOST — As ghosts go, the apparition in residence at the haunted Porter Phelps Huntington house near Hadley, Mass., is a gentle soul. Her name is Elizabeth Porter Phelps and she has never been known to harm anyone. Dr. James L. Huntington, who now lives on the estate, recalls how children of the house have awakened to find a figure in rustling silk and frilled white cap bending over the bed. Associated Press artist Dick Hodgins Jr. and his imaginative pen have caught Elizabeth at her favorite game, tucking the children in bed.

Friendly Ghost Likes To Tuck Children Into Their Beds

HADLEY, Mass. (AP)—Elizabeth Porter Phelps is a very genteel ghost.

One of the oldest practicing apparitions in this country, and certainly one of the most socially acceptable, she's a tiny lady in rustling silk and frilled white cap who passes the years haunting the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house where she lived a couple of centuries ago.

She never indulges in the phantasmal flummery often affected by less demure initiates in the shadowy sisterhood. You'll never catch Elizabeth wailing like a banshee, moving furniture like a poltergeist, or flapping sheets at travelers on lonely roads like the traditional haunt.

She'd rather tuck children in bed.

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SO THE REPORT GOES. And a very much flesh and blood descendant of Elizabeth, Dr. James L. Huntington who spent his early Summers on the estate and lives there now, recalls:

"Some of us as children woke up at night to find a figure bending over the bed, someone whose full skirt of oddly patterned design and frilled white cap were perfectly visible in the dark. Our aunts would say, 'Oh, don't mind that. That's just Elizabeth. We've all seen her.'"

These days though, with no youngsters around, the motherly shade keeps pretty much to herself. Occasionally she makes a midnight trip to the attic, or takes a turn at the spinning wheel in the north kitchen.

Sometimes she swishes through a room to see who's been invited to the house. (Once in a while the guest is unaware the house is haunted and asks who rustled by before he could turn to see. The announcement he has been inspected by a ghost has an understandably unsettling effect.)

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BUT ELIZABETH—The ectoplasmic Elizabeth—has never been known to harm a soul, utter a sound or leave the estate at Forty Acres.

"She's really a member of the family," says Dr. Huntington. "But then, of course, she is. She's my great great grandmother."

Dr. Huntington, tall and white bearded, is retired from obstetrics practice in Boston and Northampton. He lives with his wife in the converted carriage house, connected by a long arched arcade to the big house— a three story, white clapboard colonial mansion with a gambrel roof. It is set back from the road amid grand elms, and from the covered verandah at the rear you can look across a rolling meadow to the Connecticut River.

It stands exactly the way it was in 1799, when the last structural change was made. Then Elizabeth's husband, Charles Phelps, added the third floor to the house Elizabeth's father had built 47 years before.

Dr. Huntington has taken great pains to preserve the family furnishings, and it must make Elizabeth feel very much at home.

On her spectral strolls through the quiet, unheated rooms—which in Winter grow as icy cold as the air that people say strikes them when she brushes past—she possibly runs her ethereal fingers tenderly over the pewter, lowestoft china, and antique furniture, some of it old when she was a girl.

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THE ONLY ROOM not in keeping with the colonial decor is the study of Bishop Frederic Huntington, the doctor's grandfather, who made Forty Acres his Summer home the last half of the 19th Century. It was during his tenure that Elizabeth reportedly made her first appearance.

"We don't know what she was doing in the meantime, but in 1864—47 years after her death—she turned up in a maid's room, standing by her bed. The maid's screams brought the whole family. My father wrote about it in a letter to a classmate at Harvard. That was the first reference to Elizabeth's return," says Dr. Huntington.

But she made up for lost time, and the house quickly gained a reputation as haunted. The family had difficulty keeping domestic help. Even in the Summer of 1922, when the house was being readied for Dr. Huntington's mother, his sister had to stay in view of the cleaning women every minute. When she went outdoors, they accompanied her in a body and waited until she led them back inside.

There has been no real family life in the old house since his mother died in 1926, says the doctor, but the second floor bedrooms are still used as guest rooms for visiting relatives.

No one ever sleeps in the first floor bedroom, however. About 15 years ago the imprint of a small person kept appearing on the white coverlet of the canopied bed. Smoothed out, the same indentations would be there the next day.

Somehow, no one ever wanted to stay in the room after that.

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ABOUT THREE YEARS ago a foundation was set up to maintain the historic house as a museum, with Dr. Huntington as curator. From May to October, he guides visitors through the house, pointing out its treasures.

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And although probably the eerie reputation attracts as many as its fine old architecture and furnishings—a fact Dr. Huntington deplores—Elizabeth has never seen fit to perform for the general public. Nor for the college professors and psychic investigators who have spent nights in an upstairs bedroom hopefully waiting for something to happen.

Just the sound of her quick, light step on the stairs would have sent them home shivering—with delight, of course—but on these occasions Elizabeth, possibly more wrath than wraith, has refused to stir.

Nothing, though, seems too good for her descendants and their friends. Most of them, at one time or another, say they have seen, heard or felt her presence.

Just a Summer ago, Dr. Huntington's brother Paul, a retired Episcopal minister visiting from Richmond, Va., was startled to see the shadow of a small person on the floor of the north kitchen. A chill wind encircled him as he stood there watching the shadow retreat, then disappear. No sun shines through the north windows. He could not have cast the shadow himself.

"That's what he said he saw," says Dr. Huntington with a smile, "and you have to take the word of a minister."

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AND THERE'S the experience of Dr. Huntington's late brother Frederic.

"He was a powerful fellow—on Harvard's varsity football team," says the doctor, "and certainly not one given to 'hearing things.' For two nights, when he was sleeping in the attic bedroom one Summer, he heard the grandfather clock in the downstairs hall strike midnight, then the second floor door to the attic open and Elizabeth's firm steps come up.

"Well, he stuck it out for two nights. On the third, when he heard the steps, he bolted. As he plunged down the stairs, he said, a small figure moved politely to one side to let him pass—and the icy cold surrounding it chilled him to the bone. That big brawny lad never went to the attic again."

Why does Elizabeth haunt the house?

December their younger son and his wife spent a couple of weeks with them.

Last fall **Jim Huntington** had some fine publicity for the "Haunted Huntington House" in Hadley. The Associated Press sent out an illustrated story which appeared in over 400 papers. Jim is still wearing a beard so to quote him "one might almost say that my beard swept the country."

Just before I left home I received the sad news of the death of **Bob Estabrook** in a Plymouth, Mass., hospital. The service was held on Tuesday, December 30, at the Church of Our Savior in Brookline, Mass.

Folklore usually has troubled spirits returning to right a wrong, expose a murderer, deliver a message to someone. None of this seems to fit in with what is known of Elizabeth's life.

She died a natural death at 70, leaving a weekly diary covering about half a century which Dr. Huntington is editing for publication. She must have been an intensely religious, practical, opinionated woman, he says.

The mother of three children—one of whom died when he was a week old—Elizabeth apparently was almost obsessed with infants. For many years she went to every birth in the surrounding countryside, a predilection Dr. Huntington views with some sympathy since he delivered four or five thousand babies himself in his obstetrics practice.

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SOME PEOPLE THINK Elizabeth returns to the home where she was very happy, before her father, Moses Porter, was killed in the French and Indian War. But considering that she lived there for 62 years after his untimely death in the battle of the bloody morning guide, this theory seems to stretch filial affection a mite far.

Dr. Huntington favors this explanation:

She was deeply devoted to her only son, Charles, who promised to return from his law practice in Boston to live on the family estate. That's why the third floor was added, for Charles and his family. But he never came. The third floor attic was left unfinished. And at night, on the stroke of 12, she opens the second floor hall door and goes up to the attic to see if work is progressing on the project so dear to her heart, or to imagine how it might have been if he had come.

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"YOU CAN'T KEEP it shut, you know," says Dr. Huntington, pointing to the attic stairs. "You can secure the latch at night, and next morning the door is ajar. I myself, when bright moonlight is streaming through the window there, have seen the latch go up and the door open. There's one very curious thing about it. Here, you try the door."

It seemed stuck, and after a hearty tug it opened with a creak.

"You see," says the doctor triumphantly," it's a hard door to open. But when I would see the latch go up in the middle of the night, the door glided open as though it were greased."

The haunted stairs.

Our Sept. Vi Emily and her aunts Martha Emerson planned to come from Wilmington, & get Bill Jones + then we both got rid of Frederick and reached a most delightful town of the name, Pawling and on after many stops and photographs & over a half a century ago I in dear old Vermont.

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Knowing your interest in the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation and in gratitude for what you have done for us, this report of progress is sent. Visitors to the number of 1200 have come this season from 7 foreign countries, 31 states, plus 75 cities and towns in Massachusetts. We have had 3 successful Sunday afternoon teas. History classes visited here from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst College and Hopkins Academy. Through the aid of the Pioneer Valley Association, the Associated Press sent Feature Editor Miss Joy Miller to Hadley. The result-a delightful informative, illustrated Halloween Ghost Story on the House. This has swept the country as the following list shows and will bring many new visitors to the House in the coming year. No, we are not on "Easy Street" yet; we still must depend upon your generous support of this Historic House Museum, owned and operated by the non-profit Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation. But we certainly are on the map. Now we must find some $10,000 to install heat and insulation so that the interest displayed by the Schools and Colleges at our very doorstep can bear fruit.

Here follows a list of the newspapers from which we have actually received clippings. We have been assured by the A.P. that this story appeared in at least 350 more papers: Syracuse Herald American; Norfolk Pilot; San Antonio Express; Nashville Tennessean; Niagara Falls Gazette, Miami Herald; Tampa Tribune; Fort Wayne Journal; Bridgeport Sunday Post; Kansas City Star; Louisville-Courier-Journal; Binghamton Sunday Press; Lansing Journal; Tulsa World; Grand Rapids Herald; Columbus Dispatch; Toledo Blade; Cincinnati Enquirer, Battle Creek Enquirer, Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinal; Saginaw News; Raleigh News and Observor; Souix City Leader; Sacramento Union; Memphis Commercial; Hartford Courant; Daytona Beach; Charleston, South Carolina; Richmond, Virginia; Phoenix, Montreal, Spokane newspapers.

Faithfully yours,

Sent out to all the members and some fifty others who might be interested, by the Pioneer Valley Association.

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Because of interest in Eugene O'Neill, whose first plays were produced in Provincetown, Miss Huntington will show some of the photographs of the 32 productions of his work which have been presented by her company since they began summer seasons in the Playhouse in 1940. She also will have on display pictures of last summer's plays.

The Wharf Playhouse actually was started by the Joy Street Playhouse, which was an old brick stable at 36 Joy St., Beacon Hill, Boston. There Chekhov, Cocteau, Lenormand, Marcel Achard, and others were produced years before they became fashionable off or on Broadway.

Some years later, the Joy St. Playhouse was re-established by the New England Repertory Society, with Edwin Burr Pettit, Virginia Thoms and Miss Huntington. It was this company which began the summer Art Theater at Provincetown on the last of the old whaling wharves not far from the site of the fish-house belonging to Mary Heaton Vorse, where Eugene O'Neill's first plays were performed in 1916. Mr. Pettit now is head of the theater department at Brandeis University. Miss Vorse is a native of Amherst.

Miss Huntington and Miss Thoms now own the present Playhouse, wharf and buildings through the repertory company of which they are the only directors. They present eight plays each summer with a professional company.

Preceding Miss Huntington's talk, the Players will hold a regular business meeting at which reports will be given on the Little Theater Conference to be held at the University of Massachusetts on Saturday.

Any person, whether or not a member of the Circle Players, is invited to attend Sunday's meeting to hear Miss Huntington.

St. Ann's Sodality of Holy Rosary Church will meet Sunday afternoon at 2 for a business meeting and at 3 will go to the Porter Phelps Huntington House on River Dr. where they will be shown interesting features of the historic home by Dr. James L. Huntington, the curator.

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Co-Owner Of Cape Playhouse To Address Players Sunday

Catharine Huntington, co-manager of the Provincetown Playhouse-on-the-Wharf, will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Circle Players, Sunday evening at 8, at the VFW hall in Florence.

Miss Huntington is sister of Dr. James L. Huntington, curator of the Porter Phelps Huntington House in Hadley. She will be introduced to the Players by Mrs. man Jane Pierce, program co-chairman of the Players.

Miss Huntington has been in professional theatre both as actress and producer since helping to establish the Boston Stage Society, where some of the first experimental work in theater was done in the twenties. Currently, she is a director for the Peets' Theater in Cambridge, with which group she has been working winters since 1951.

The group is much like the local players in that it is made up of actors and workers who can give only evenings or weekend time to rehearsal and production of plays. But, it also makes use of other artists and professionals when they are at liberty. Miss Huntington will describe the group in detail as part of her talk Sunday evening.

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'Haunted' Huntington House in

(The following article is one of a series being written for The Springfield Union by Mrs. Esther S. Bawsog of Hockanum Village, Hadley, in advance of Hadley's tercentenary celebration in 1959.)

How would you like to go today to a historical oasis in the midst of New England?

Start in Center

Let's start in the center of old Hadley, by its large Town Hall and steepled white church, with its tree-lined streets filled with autumn shadows.

Due north up the road is the quaint village, once known as Upper Mills, now North Hadley. Half way to North Hadley is the historical gem, created by pioneer hands—the rambling old Huntington House.

Walking beneath the old, huge elms and over the spacious lawns is like walking back into the centuries of long ago. This place has remained in the family since it was built in 1752.

A knock on the door brings one of the ancestors to greet the visitor. He is Dr. James Lincoln Huntington. His white beard and statliness are like a portrait of his forefathers. Retired after a long and distinguished career as a physician, Dr. Huntington is now curator of the old mansion, which is the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation.

Breathtaking are the antiques of the old home. They keep a visitor spellbound and the experience of touring the place with the curator is beyond description.

The house is now open to the public. It is supported and maintained through voluntary contributions of those interested in the preservation of an authentic bit of the 17th century, for future generations to view. The house is the actual home of one family and the antiques are not a collection from here and there, but the furnishings used by the original residents. It is so "livable" a visitor feels he is intruding, that the folks living here have stepped out for just a moment and will be back anytime to catch the intruder.

Relates History of House

The resonant voice of the curator relates the history of the house and the town of Hadley.

"The Porters owned the land and it was in the family from the time the town was founded in 1659. Samuel Porter, first child to be born in Hadley, inherited the place and the estate of his father and grandfather. At his death in 1722 the estate was valued at 10,000 pounds, and all the land of the family.

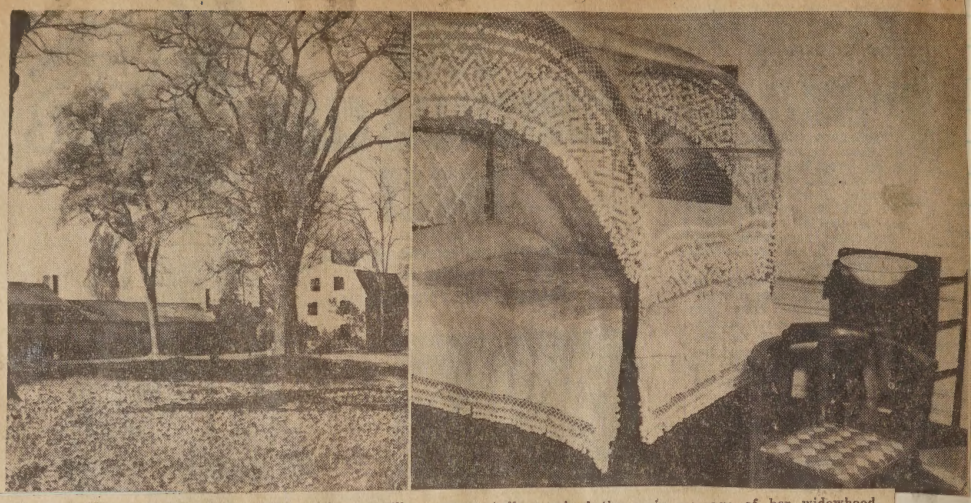
"Hadley in its beginning was a stockaded town and as it grew too big for the stockade, some had to venture forth and brave conditions outside the stockade. In the northeast section of town from Olde Hadley St. to Mt. Warner was a section known as 40 acres or the skirts of 40 acres. It was here that Moses Porter, second son of Samuel Porter and Anna Colton built this house in 1752. They planted three elm trees in front of the house, one for each member of the family. One still stands. This was the first house built outside the stockade. At that time Indians traveled up and down the Connecticut River, making raids. It was a brave move to live outside the protection of the stockade."

Colorful Carpet

Leaves from the old elm fell on the curator and visitor. They have fallen for 206 years, laying a colorful carpet to usher guests to the welcoming front door of the old house.

Said a visitor to the old house:

"I raised the old knocker on the big front door, under the protecting roof of its Greek porch. For all the fact the house was empty, I had the feeling I should announce myself. The door swung open on its old hinges and the soft mellow tones of the door harp ushered me in. The spacious hall in which I stood, with its wide old staircase, convinced me I was back in the 17th century. The sturdy door through which I entered closed, closed quietly but firmly behind me. It shut out the noise of things called cars and planes, the rush of the 20th century, the hustle and bustle of the push button era that gives too much time for clubbing and too little for family-living.



One of the oldest and most famous Colonial homes still a landmark in New England is the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation house in Hadley. The ancient elm trees and broad expanses of lawn set off the home that was built in 1752 and has remained in the family ever since. The house is shown in the left photograph. In the second from left photo is the bed in which the last child, Frederick Dan Huntington, was born. It is in this bed mysterious imprints of a tiny form repeatedly show it is said. It was in this room Elizabeth Porter reportedly received the eerie message of her widowhood. The next picture shows the big front entrance hall with portraits of early residents. On the wide old staircase on moonlight nights, it is said, the wispy form of the first lady of the house often appears. In photo at right is shown the 85-foot long rear veranda with wall boards measuring up to 24½ inches. It was on this porch, overlooking the Connecticut River, that the indentures workers and slaves of the original owners were served their meals in Colonial days.

"All was pushed into oblivion by the click of the aged latch. Many stories have been told of strange voices, mysterious, weird noises in the house. To me it was like coming home. I expected someone to come down the wide old staircase, petticoats and taffeta rustling, arms open in welcome. I had a belonging feeling."

Visitors find sunlight filtering through window panes filled with bubbles and bull eyes characteristic of window glass of the 1700s. In the entrance hall is an old chest of Samuel Porter's, dating back to 1680 and bearing the hex mark to ward off evil spirits.

Family Portraits On Walls

Portraits of masters and mistresses of the old mansion look down from the walls. They invite "Come into the parlor and sit a moment."

At the left is the long room. The large India carpets, made of camels hair in 1825, muffle steps. Their still brilliant colors, rich in tone, make it difficult to shift the gaze from carpet to chair and chair to wainscotting. The wainscotting has the same design of the Old First Church. Some of the architectural beauty of the house was copied for the church.

At one end of the colonial parlor is an archway, under which all family weddings took place. In the same place the family mourned the death of a dear one.

A visitor thinks:

"How many have sat, as I do now, in this chair? How many fires have glowed in the old fireplace? How many were wed here? How many were born and how many died here?"

Ponderings can be interrupted by footsteps in the hall. No one is there. One has a feeling some who had lived here would momentarily appear. It isn't a haunted feeling. It is mysterious, but peaceful.

Directly across the front hall from the long, living room is a bedroom. Such a beautiful room! It has a corner fireplace with a bed warmer nearby and a lace canopied bed. It was in this bed that Bishop Frederick Dan Huntington, bishop of Central New York, was born in 1819. He was the last to be born in the house.

Tap On Window

It was in this room the wife of Moses Porter, putting her child to bed one night in 1775, heard a tap on the window. She was alone. Her husband had gone to fight the French and their Indian allies. As she pushed back the solid shutter, a sword was handed through to her by an Indian. She understood the significance. Her husband's Indian bodyguard had notified her his master was dead. Moses Porter had been killed on the shores of Bloody Pond near the southern end of Lake George in New York State.

On the fireplace mantel today is the sword, minus hilt but still in its scabbard, just as it was handed through the window by the Indian servant.

The cradle by the bed makes visitor think of Moses' wife, Elizabeth, receiving word of her widowhood, in the dark of the night, 182 years ago. With pioneer courage she went on farming the fertile acres, raising her child and caring for the big house with aid of a kinsman.

Inspection of the window through which the sword was passed shows how protection from Indians was in minds of the pioneers. Inside a sliding shutter moves back and forth between partitions of the wall. On the outside of the many-paned window is an outside shutter for double-shuttered protection from redskin arrows.

A chair of the 1690s stands beside the old highboy. The chamber set by the bed creates an urge to saunter over, pour out some sparkling water into the white, gilt-edged basin and wash up for dinner. What sounded like dinner chimes was the big grandfather clock in the hall, still keeping perfect time although more than 200 years old.

To the right, midway down the long hall running through the house is the "bishop's study." Here is his desk, open. On it is a book as if the bishop had just left for a moment's respite from his studies. What had he been reading? It was a Harvard text book "Ecclesiastical History of the Early 1700s." On its margins are scribblings of those whose knowledge was increased by its contents. On one page is written, "This was perused by Solomon Phelps in the year 1761." Another line reads, "Perused by James O. S. Huntington, Harvard '75, July 19, 1873."

This was the study of the bishop of Central New York, Episcopal. The walls hold portraits, diplomas and written records of the life of a man of distinction — Bishop Frederick Huntington.

One of the original doors from the front of the house is now in the study room, with witches cross at the bottom. All front doors of pioneer days, according to accounts of the time, were double doors carrying the witches cross — two crossed swords nailed to the entrance to ward off evil spirits. The crossed swords gave way to crossed boards, made into the architecture of the door.

The study opens into the kitchen with its big fireplace and bake oven, crane kettle and bellows to keep the fire going to make homemade bread. The ever present musket hangs over the fireplace. The kitchen table is set with the same pewter dinner ware on which the first generations ate. They used the knives and forks on display, with the cattle horn handles made from their own cattle. The dough box is still by the fire and from it comes the pungent aroma of bread dough rising to permeate the pine paneled kitchen. The aroma reaches into the kitchen chamber, a small adjoining room.

The kitchen chamber also has its own fireplace and fire irons brought when the house was built by Moses Porter. There is another bread box that belonged to another member of the family, Squire Phelps. He was a lawyer who drew up the will of Oliver Smith, founder of Smith Charities in Northampton. The will, more than 900 words longs, filled 27 manuscript pages.

It is said to have been written with such skill that noted jurists of every generation have commended it. It was drawn with such foresight it continues to this day to guide the trustees of Smith Charities.

Veranda 84 Feet Long

Off the kitchens, along the entire west side of the house is a southern type veranda, 84 feet long, with wooden benches where the help had meals in summer. This was a 100-acre New England plantation, with indentured servants, apprentices and slaves. One of the boards on the back stoop measures 24½ inches across.

From the porch one can look west over broad fields toward the winding Connecticut River on which Indians silently paddled canoes and silently approached this very house to raid.

Many stories are told of the mysteries of the house. One is that Indians were making a night raid. One was spied through a crack in the window shutters, close to the house. Most available weapon was a red hot poker in the fireplace. Grabbing it, the master quickly opened the door and hurled it into the back of the Indian. The next morning blood stains were visible in the snow. Tracks went a short distance and then disappeared.

Since that time, moans and groans of an Indian can be heard in the house but the Redskin has never been located. Through the years, a few Hadley residents have claimed to hear the cries of the wounded Indian.

The beauty of the dining room makes visitors forget about moans and groans of a wounded Indian. The table is set in readiness for tea. Colonial, old blue china that graces the table is exquisitely delicate. Tea cups of two centuries ago gleam in all their luster. Like tea cups of the day, they have no handles.

The cups were placed before guests in deep saucers, beside a smaller and more shallow saucer. A gentle person poured the tea into the deep saucer, placed the cup in the shallow one and sipped the brew from the tea saucer.

The dinner table is a most amazing piece of workmanship and most unique. The two side tables against the dining room wall, hold the silver service and are the two ends of the big drop leaf center table. They were used to extend the main table when guests were many.

The upstairs chambers, all open off the big second floor hallway. They contain canopied beds, rope spring beds, trundle beds, all with lovely old comforters. They appear so lived in a visitor opens a closet door expecting to see a ladies wardrobe—and does. The wardrobe is as it was in 1752.

The chest against a wall holds extra comforters and spreads. A big, long chest was the comfort of Phyllis the slave. She was ill of tuberculosis and the servants quarters, the master felt, were not warm enough for her. The old chest was placed by the big kitchen fireplace and lined with soft warm comforters. There she was nursed and cared for in her last days.

In Bridal Gown

In the front bedroom, visitors

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are confronted by a bride. It is a manaquin dressed in the bridal gown of Elizabeth Porter, first mistress of the house. The 17th century, lace-canopied bed, complements the rest of the furnishings, down to the combs and hat pins on the bureau.

Each room is a feast in furnishings, facts and history. The place is so homelike a visitor will want to stay the night, covered by a hand-woven coverlet and lace canopy, with a crackling fire in the fireplace, knowing all the while the morning will bring sunlight streaming through the aged window panes and the canton china pitcher will be filled with crystal clear water.

A wanderer into the back smoke oven loft, upstairs over the dining room, will have appetite whetted by the pungent aroma of cured pork and salmon. Breakfast will be of potatoes and salt pork gravy.

Groups from colleges and schools throughout the area visit the house. Because of the lack of heating, it is closed in the winter but plans for heating are in the making so this beautiful old home can be kept open year round.

Lightning generated in a summer storm struck this pine tree at the entrance to Dr. James Huntington's family home on River Dr., Hadley, leaving an open scar almost its entire length.

In mid August (1958) freak storm in the middle of night – our morning, accompanied by terrific rain – struck the huge elm at the corner of the garden, tipping off the huge limb. Both ma[illegible] with crack from almost the top of the big trunk of the branch on the road at the brook driveway. Keep & Dorothy Potter viewing it!

(Pioneer Valley Association Photo)

HISTORIC HOUSE—The Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, Hadley, is open to the public until October 15. It will be one of the main attractions at the Hadley Tercentenary Celebration, July 31-August 2.

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Travel Club Meeting in New York City December 1958

Summer Day 50 Years Ago Recalled At North Hadley

By HANNAH SESSIONS ANDREWS

The day began for me when the summer sun, climbing over the shoulder of Mt. Warner, reached into the wide east window and pulled me awake. In a moment I was up and dressing: this was the day for breakfast at Grandfather's and early as it was, I knew I should find him in his study with a warm welcome. Very quietly, so as not to wake Mother, I lifted the fat little pitcher on the corner washstand and filled my basin and toothmug; washed and brushed and braided the two pigtails that were one of my major trials, and crept downstairs with my shoes in my hands.

Outdoors, dew still sparkled on the cobwebs that were said to promise a fine day. Crossing the road, I hurried along the little path under the maples to the lane that led to the barn, and across the wide stretch of green to the south door of the house. There stood the horseblock, cut from a massive tree stump, with a smaller one beside it, by which one mounted to a saddle or a high cart. A short wide flagged walk led to the house door, which stood open; and through the dark entry I could see Grandfather, already at his desk, with the light and color of the garden showing through the north window behind him. A moment more, he heard me and looked up, and I met his welcoming smile and kiss. But he was writing, and I knew he must not be disturbed. There was plenty of time to investigate the garden before Grandmother and the aunts came down for morning prayers. The dew was fresh upon the roses and hollyhocks, the bright circular bed of geraniums, the pansies and heliotrope and sweet peas, and the soft greenstrands called Old Man's Beard. There was time to wander up and down the paths and watch the sunlight growing wider over the meadow, and then run home again to say good morning to Mother.

At half past seven the family gathered in the study for family prayers. Grandmother wore her blue and white gingham and ruffled cap with the blue bow that matched her eyes. When Grandfather read the psalm and the short prayers, we knew that he was speaking to his Father whom he loved. Then we went in to breakfast. How gay and bright the breakfast looked! There were bowls of porridge and hot golden muffins, and little pats of butter with a strawberry pattern. A low dish shaped like a basket, with a white china hen sitting on it, held the boiled eggs, and of course there were pitchers of thick yellow cream. There was laughter and kind voices, and when the meal was over, no one hurried away. A space was cleared in front of Grandmother, and Ellen brought in a tray with a little brass-bound wooden tub, full of hot soapsuds, and soapshaker and towels, and Grandmother washed the breakfast dishes, while my aunts dried them and we children filled the saltcellars and put away the forks and spoons. Meanwhile old Mr. Frost, the mailman, had driven up with the green flannel mailbag, and Grandfather distributed the letters. The family ones with bits of news were read aloud; but presently Grandfather retired to his study with a pile to answer. Aunt Arria collected the kerosene lamps, to clean and fill them, and Aunt Mollie got her flower basket, to pick flowers for the house, in which I loved to help her.

In a little while the women of the family gathered in the front downstairs bedroom with their sewing, where Mother came to join them. There were some small occupations for me there: but best of all was the moment when Grandfather came along the hall, his writing done, and beckoned me to come out to ride. At the south door stood the little phaeton with its fringed canopy top, and Robin, the little bay horse. Presently we were jogging out the driveway, past the white gate and down the main highway to the narrow road over the hill toward Amherst. We were going to the Breckinridges to buy strawberries.

Annie and Mary, the "Breckinridge girls," as we knew them, were well into their sixties. They were the daughters of Grandfather's old gardener, and lived in a little cottage near the woods on Mt. Warner. They were very fond of Grandfather and he of them. When we had packed in the baskets of big juicy berries, we turned north on a little road winding up over the hill, deep in sumach and early goldenrod, along the edge of the Hilltop Lot, Grandfather's patch of larch woods, till we came out on the North Amherst road. It led us back down the hill to the millstream. The blacksmith's shop stood by the bridge, with its flaming forge, and the cheerful clang of his hammer on the anvil beat a steady rhythm as we went by. I often went there with Grandfather to have the horses shod, and to this day I can recall the smell of the red hot iron on the singed hoof, and the ring of the metal as he hammered the shoe. By the bridge above the dam there were waterlilies, and round the corner, as we turned by the store, was the old mill with its steady cheerful rumbling and grinding. A few days ago, Grandfather and I had brought some rye and oats to be ground, and had seen the miller, his friendly eyes and pleasant smile shining through a thick coating of flour dust.

On we went, past Mr. Prouty's house, the man with spectacles and sideburns who came to fix the grandfather clock; across the bridge over the lovely waterfall below the mill wheel and on to the open meadows. Across the river came the chime of the Hatfield church bell striking twelve noon. The noonday sun had spread its flood of warm gold over the fragrant hayfields; the men had gone in to dinner. We trotted slowly home, stopping at the high round watering trough to let Robin drink, and turned in

Dr. James L. Huntington stands in the doorway of what originally was the chaise house of his ancestral home, Forty Acres, on River Dr., Hadley. It was built in 1795 and had only two windows on each floor on this side and the doorway was used by the horses and carriages. In 1929 it was converted into this attractive residence wherein a former stall is a modern, charming dining room. The remodeled structure has always been known as "The Chaise House," perpetuating in name its original use of sheltering the chaise, a light, open two-wheeled carriage, usually with a hood, drawn by one horse, and holding two passengers.

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at the white gate in time for me to find Aunt Mollie on the back stoop, for she was making ice cream for dinner, and a prime treat was to "lick the dasher" as it came out of the freezer. Presently we were all at the dinner table for the hearty mid-day meal: soup served from the big tureen, roast beef and vegetables, and then the ice cream with the peaches from Frank Scott's orchard.

After dinner the grownups went upstairs to rest, and Grandfather to his study, and I slipped out through the garden to the far end. Here was a low grape arbor, with low seats just right for a little girl, and the heavy grapevines, like a thick curtain on either side, made a cool and secret place. Here, under the seat, my cousin Catherine and I kept our little hoard of pebbles from the brook, and the smooth brown horsechestnuts; here we arrayed our flower ladies, with sweet peas for sunbonnets and skirts of hollyhocks, with clover blossoms for afternoon tea. Beyond the arbor was the old apple orchard, and here I climbed into my favorite tree. Toward the river the land sloped down to the west meadow, from which rose the warm sweet fragrance of the hayfield, and haymakers' voices and the occasional creak of the haywagon. Presently I heard my Grandfather calling softly from the garden: "Little Hannah, do you want to go down to the hayfield?" I ran to join him — he had left his coat and was in his shirtsleeves, with a big wooden rake and a little one for me. The hay wagon had just been unloaded, and was clattering down the slope again to the meadow. Two men tossed the haycocks onto the wagon, and we "raked after," the wisps of hay to be added to the next cock. If I raked faithfully, when the load was ready for the barn the men tossed me up to ride on the load beside the driver to the barn. When the last load was in, we came back to the house where there was a drink of cool water from the pump.

At the front porch, we found Grandmother, in her afternoon muslin gown and lace cap with a lavender bow, and her knitting. Presently Aunt Mollie came cantering in at the gate on Robin; she had been to take a little pail of soup to old Mrs. Cross in North Hadley. Now the cows came down the lane; it was milking time. The sun sank lower; presently we all went in to six o'clock supper, which was called tea. There was a hot dish, scrambled eggs, with buttered blueberry muffins, and applesauce, and a glass of milk for me. By then the sun was setting; on the back stoop we had a clear view of the lovely western sky behind the distant Berkshire hills. The light faded and the stars came out; it was bedtime for a little girl. Down the dark driveway with the fireflies flickering in the pasture across the road, and the katydids quietly arguing in the maple trees, Mother and I went hand in hand. The day at Grandfather's was over.

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HUNTINGTON—Gladys Parrish, wife of Constant Huntington in London, England, May 31 after a brief illness. New York papers please copy.

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Forty Acres And Its Ghosts Are Described By Writers

By CAROL ANN DUFFY

HADLEY—In Hadley, we have one of the oldest houses in the country, and even more than this, the present owner and curator of the house is a direct descendant of the builder of this historic relic.

Forty Acres was built in 1752 by Moses Porter, a captain of the local military company. He went to Connecticut from Hadley to marry Elizabeth Pitken, who belonged to one of the original Dorchester families. This couple was the first to live at Forty Acres.

During the winter of 1752, Moses started cutting timber for the house. When spring came, things were made ready for the building of the house. This was

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the first house to be built outside the Hadley stockade.

The site chosen was about two hundred yards east of the bank of the Connecticut River. A cellar was dug under what was to be the ell. In this ell was a huge chimney with at least four flues, a chamber for smoking pork and salmon and a spacious brick oven. Although the oven used for smoking pork and salmon has not been used for over a hundred years, one can still smell smoke from it. The main part of the house, with a central chimney, rested on the sandy ground.

On May 27, 1752, with due ceremony and a barrel of rum, the roof of the house was raised. The main house, itself, consisted of two stories with a peaked roof, facing the village stockade. The outside boards were unpainted and grooved to suggest blocks of stone—a device called rustication. One of the original doors is in its original position today. Two doors, with glass panes above the panelled front and the witches' cross in the lower panel, together formed the original front door above which the boards were rusticated to resemble an arch. These two are now separated and used in doorways inside the house.

In December 1752, Moses and Elizabeth Porter moved into the old house. Moses brought much of the furniture that is still in the house with him from Connecticut. All of the possessions then brought to the house by Moses Porter have remained unchanged throughout the years. Of course, each generation of the family brought into the house some of its own furniture, but basically the house has remained unchanged throughout the years.

Preface

Everyone, during the course of his life has heard about ghosts. In the history of Forty Acres, we have some of the most unique incidents of happenings with these weird spirits. Following is a brief account of some of these occurrences as told by Doctor James Lincoln Huntington. The paper is written in the first person singular, referring to Doctor Huntington throughout the paper.

My father, the Rev. George Huntington, in a letter to a classmate some time in the early 1860s tells of the family being awakened by the screams of a maid sleeping over the kitchen. She claimed something was in her room, but careful search revealed nothing.

This is the first mention I have found in archives of uncanny events. During my father's youth and early manhood he, his brothers and three sisters, used to see dim figures peering through the rooms. These were seen in the hall by the dining room, and also in the downstairs bedroom. Also, all heard these "ancestral footsteps" on the stairs, particularly the stairs leading to the great unfinished attic. After the room was finished on that floor, some time in the late 1870s or early eighies, the footsteps coming up the stairs at midnight were a regular occurrence. We, as children, were taught that these manifestations were just a part of the old house. As a child in my early teens I often slept in this room. In the loft outside the room were spinning wheels and other antiques. That loft was a playing field for rats and squirrels. We heard them rolling about, often turning the spinning wheels by running over them. However, when the Hatfield clock struck the first bell at midnight, all noise ceased except the steps on the lower stairs. We heard the sound of approaching feet, step by step, until the top stair was reached as the last note of the clock struck. Then there was a pause and all the rodent activity began again.

About 1900-01-02, my youngest brother was assigned this room when he was eleven years old. When the second night came (after he had shivered through one night of fear), as the steps were heard coming up, he raced down the stairs. On the way down he passed a figure about his own size on the stairs. He rushed by it and slept on the long room sofa the rest of the night. That was the last time he would ever sleep in the room.

My aunt, Arria S. Huntington, died in the early 20s in the early spring. My aunt, Mrs. Sessions, was able to open her house for the funeral and for most of the family. My brother Fred could not leave New York until late in the afternoon before the funeral. He arrived at Northampton by bus after midnight. After a light snow the moon was shining brightly. Fred walked from Northampton to the old house. He opened a back window and roamed the rooms lighted by the moonlight. Two of the rooms upstairs were named for my two unmarried aunts, 'Mary' and 'Arria.' Arria's room faced the south and the moonlight shone in the window. When Fred entered that room he saw that Aunt Arria was lying peacefully with her hands folded over her heart. As the light fell on her face he noted her peaceful expression but also that there was a curious twist to her mouth. Thinking how appropriate it was for her to be placed in her own bed before her burial he tiptoed out and turned in with an ample supply of blankets and slept soundly until fairly late in the morning. He was awakened by his brother, staying at Aunt Ruth's who, returning early strolled over to the old house before breakfast. Seeing the footprints in the light snow leading to the window, he sensed that Freddy was inside. He, too, went into the house through the window and awakened Fred. Shortly afterwards in conversation, Fred remarked on the appropriateness of having Aunt Arria 'sleep' the last night before her burial in her own room. He offered to help return her to the other house at an early hour before many people arrived. Paul was astounded and said, "Why, Fred, what are you talking about? Aunt Arria is in her coffin in the house across the street." Together they went to Aunt Arria's room and there was the bed untouched with coverlet pulled well up over the pillow. When Fred saw my Aunt Arria in her coffin in the house across the road, he noted that identical twist to her mouth.

About 1923 or 1924 my father's junior warden at St. Paul's Church in Malden in the 1870s and early 80s was visiting my mother in Hadley. He occupied the downstairs bedroom. In the early morning when he was wide awake he saw a familiar figure in ancient garb sitting at the dining table. He watched her for a few moments. She finished arranging her hair, arose, and without turning her head so he could see her face, walked to the door and vanished.

About 1928 or 1929 we were living in the big house during the summer months. I had in my arms a large kitten that had appeared in this place that afternoon. I thought she could be used in cutting down the mice. I planned to leave her up on that floor for the night. As I reached the top stair, I realized that someone was in the "Prophets Chamber" across the loft where the windows offered a grand view of the sunset. Then I saw my son John watching the sunset as he often did. I called out to him, but received no answer. I put the cat down, and she walked to the door of the room. She looked and wheeled around with all her hair standing on end and ran to me for protection. Feeling that some marauder must be in there, I went downstairs and asked the cook if she had heard anyone upstairs. She said that she had been hearing footsteps up there all the time we were at supper. I then called the State Police. I told them this might also be a false alarm. They came at once, and with drawn revolvers searched the empty room, but nothing was seen or heard.

More than once in the moonlight of the night and early morning, I have seen the latch on the door at the foot of the attic stairs lift, and often this door would slowly swing open. My brother, the Rev. Paul Huntington of Pelham, has also seen this phenomenon.

In the summer of '40 or '41, a guest who occupied the downstairs bedroom, entering the room about noon one day saw plainly the depression, on the newly made bed, of a human figure on the pillow. When he returned, late in the afternoon, an identical depression had returned. Quite naturally he asked to be transferred to another room.

One day when I was sitting in the big chair by the fire, after a light snowfall the previous night, I saw a vehicle (it seemed to me an automobile) come in the north avenue. My dog "Checkers" was sitting beside me. It was custom, when any one drove into the yard, even before I saw them, for him to run to the dining room window, look out with his paws on the sill, and ready to go to the front door with either one of us when we went to greet the arrival. True to form, he ran to the window, and as I walked to the door, he looked up at me inquiringly. I opened the door to find no vehicle there and no marks in the new fallen snow. Checkers would never go into the old house alone and would always stay close to us when he followed us in. It was clear that he was always uncomfortable there.

These are some of the most interesting experiences that have happened in the course of events of Forty Acres.

Hadley Tercentenary Celebration

Hadley, Massachusetts

"Angel of Hadley"

1659 - 1959

HOUSE TOUR

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The New England Scene:

Colonial Furnishings Kept Intact

By Cal Cameron

Patriot Ledger Correspondent

HADLEY—There are many "restored" houses in New England where furnishings dating from the period in which the house was in its prime were supplied and placed as some "authority" felt they might have been in the olden days.

Few Such Examples

Old houses with their original furnishings just as they were in colonial times are understandably few. This village in the Connecticut Valley, a bit east of Northampton has such a place.

Here, on Route 47, a few miles north of its junction with Route 9, stands the first house that was built north of the stockade in the days of the Indian raids.

Built in 1752, it was enlarged to its present proportions in 1799.

It stands today, complete with the furnishings of the original owners and their early descendants. There has not been a division of the contents of the home in spite of the six generations that have lived there.

In the early, perilous days of the settlement, Hadley settlers spent their nights inside the stockade. The men went out during the day to till their fields, but returned to the protection of the stockade by dusk.

The Porters had owned lands to the north for three generations; but it was not till 1752 that Moses Porter felt the Indian menace had quieted sufficiently for him to build a home there.

The sliding wooden shutters inside the windows, which could be closed if the house had to be defended against Indian attack, are convincing testimony of the perils of those days.

Although there is no evidence that the house was ever attacked, its builder did not long enjoy its shelter for he was killed in battle in the French and Indian War in 1755, only three years after building it.

His only child, a daughter, Elizabeth, inherited the place and married Charles Phelps, who more than doubled the extent of the land, building it up to over 1,000 acres and also considerably improving and enlarging the home.

Elizabeth left an unusual document in the form of a diary which she faithfully kept for almost half a century.

This lists the trivia of daily life, the comings and goings of family and friends, and affairs of local and national importance, from 1763 to 1812. It covers over 1,200 pages, and is a valuable document to the student of Colonial times.

Chimney Opening For Meat

An interesting sidelight on those days before there were electric freezers and refrigerators to keep our food for extended periods, is the opening in the chimney in the second story, where meat was hung to be smoked.

For anyone who is interested in antiques this is definitely a place to visit. Here may be seen furniture, china, cutlery, glass and other furnishings of the colonial period, as arranged and used by this New England family.

Although slavery is associated with the South, there are bills of sale for slaves among the papers of this homestead, indicating that at least three slaves were kept here during the early years.

Known today as the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, it provides a most authentic picture of how people lived during those early days when our country was being formed.

(Mr. Cameron's column appears on Thursdays)

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Legend, History Intermix As Hadley Hosts Press

Newsmen Given Preview of Tercentenary Celebration With Dinners, Tour of Estate, Boat Ride

HADLEY—A glimpse of a gracefully aging house, a smattering of legend and a look at the town from the Connecticut River Wednesday opened a two-day "meet the press" program in anticipation of the tercentenary celebration to be held here late in July.

Luncheon First

A luncheon at the Sportsman's Club was first on the program. Miss Katherine Dwyer reviewed high lights of the town's history, including the legend of the deliverance of its people from an Indian raid by the famed "angel of Hadley."

The "angel" reportedly appeared miraculously at a meeting of residents when they were besieged by Indians during the King Philip's War. He is supposed to have led a successful repulse of the invaders. He is said to have been a man in nondescript clothing with a long flowing white beard.

Speaking of the town's Civil War hero, Gen. Joseph Hooker, Miss Dwyer noted that despite what history says of his role, "You had better speak well of him while in Hadley."

Set Out by Boat

Following the talk, a small convoy of boats set out with newspaper and magazine representatives aboard for a view of the town from the Connecticut River. South from Coolidge Bridge the boats passed slowly eroding farm land on the left bank, pockmarked with thousands of holes pecked out by sparrows for nests.

Further south reporters saw remnants of the pillars from which chains were stretched across the river in former times to catch logs coming down for the pulp mills. The Summit House atop Mount Holyoke overlooks the valley at this point.

North of Coolidge Bridge the boats passed Canary Island, a picnic spot for boating enthusiasts, and dikes installed after the 1936 floods to protect precious farm land bordering the river.

Visit Famed Estate

After returning to the dock, the party was taken by bus to the famous "Forty Acres" estate. Presented by its last owner, Dr. James Lincoln Huntington to the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation, it is operated as a historical house mansion.

The original house, according to Dr. Huntington who conducted the tour, was built in 1752 by Moses Porter. It remains in its original state. Porter died in the French and Indian War.

His daughter, Elizabeth, married Charles Phelps and is the subject of ghost stories connected with the house. According to Dr. Huntington, some nights at midnight one can hear footsteps going up the stairs to the third floor. The quarters are supposed to have been in the process of being prepared for a son of Elizabeth's who later did not use it. So legend says she continues to climb the stairs to see how the work is progressing.

Choir Entertains

Dr. Huntington now lives in what was the carriage house. The original house has been unused, except for summer months, since 1864.

The North Mills Female Social Choir entertained with songs from this early American period following the tour. The women, four of whom were descendants of the famous Parson Russell's brother, were dressed in the garb of the time.

This was followed by a display of art by residents in the Russell School. An "asparagus and strawberry" supper, commemorating two of the town's chief products, was held in First Congregational Church basement. The first day's program closed with a tour of the South Sea Island Museum of Capt. Irving Johnson and the Bicycle Museum.

Today's Program

Today those of the press who wish to will pick asparagus at 5 a. m. Chairman of the Tercentenary Celebration Committee, Edwin M. Podolak, will lead the pickers. Breakfast will follow and at 9 a. m. a tour of town industries and a visit to the top of Mount Holyoke are planned.

After lunch a tour of the Farm Museum and open houses, including the oldest in town, the McQueston house, are on the agenda. At 6.30 a Polish smorgasbord will be featured. The program will close with a concert rehearsal by the Hopkins Academy band.

The tercentenary celebration will open July 26 and close Aug. 2.

Huntington House Lecture, Election For Jaycee-ettes

Northampton Jaycee-ettes will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight at the home of Mrs. Donald Sullivan of 5 Calvin Ter., with a program of slides and a talk by Dr. James L. Huntington about the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House in Hadley as a highlight of the meeting.

Dr. Huntington, now curator of the house which has been in his family for more than 200 years, will discuss the history of the house and various articles in the museum and show slides of some of the interesting points of this famous house.

President Betty Schuster has announced that the election of officers will take place tonight and plans for an installation dinner in May will be announced. Also on the agenda will be a discussion of plans for assisting the Jaycees in a forthcoming project. Reports from committee heads will be received for the Jaycee-ette scrapbook which will be judged in May by Hartford, Conn., along with those of the other Massachusetts chapters.

Awards will be presented in June at the national convention in Buffalo, N. Y., and plans will be made at tonight's meeting for local participation at the convention.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Armand Duseau, Mrs. Gordon Murphy, Mrs. Michael Polozwartek and Mrs. Ann Powers.

Hadley Ter-centenary

DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE, NORTHAMPTON, MASS., WEDNESDAY, JULY, 1, 1959.

Sacred Remembrances Return Home

HADLEY — Two silver cups, a part of the First Church of Hadley's communion service, have come home. Their arrival from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, where they have been on display for nearly three decades, has special significance to one other than the church members who are now preparing for commemorative exercises during the tercentenary celebration. For it was Dr. James L. Huntington of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation who saved this now treasured inheritance for the church itself.

Dr. Huntington has never told his part in the story of how these antique cups found their way to Boston, but church records have supplied these facts. In 1930 chuch members were disturbed because their building had neither a safe nor a suitable place to store the old collection of pewter and silver plates, cups and tankards. Nor were funds available to procure one.

Since 1906 when the practice of using individual cups was installed in the service of communion, the old pieces had become scattered. Some were packed away in old church cupboards while others were the responsibility of various deacons. One of the oldest was kept hidden — so oldtimers in Hadley claim — in a trunk under one prominent deacon's bed.

A committee was formed to discuss and recommend the silver's ultimate destination. But before any facts could be presented a dealer, aware of antique values, came forward with a cash offer for two of the older silver cups. When the sum was refused, he doubled his offer and before the church members could meet to be tempted to part with the two pieces of silver, another bid was made which doubled the second price. This new buyer represented the Yale Museum in New Haven, Conn.

Perhaps this new interest had been whetted by the fact that one of the cups was made by a native son of Connecticut, a John Dixwell, born in New Haven in 1701. Dixwell had worked at the goldsmith's trade in Boston and was one of the founders of the old North Church. The Hadley Church had been presented with this cup by Peter Montague, son of Richard Montague, one of the original settlers from Wethersfield.

Peter Montague was on the committee which erected Hadley's second church on West St., the predecessor of the present edifice. He was one of Hadley's three wealthiest men, repeatedly a member of the Board of Selectmen and four times representative to the General Court in Boston. The cup is inscribed "The Gift of Mr. Peter Montague To the Chh of Christ now in Hadly, 1723."

The other cup's look of antiquity was borne out by the stamped name of its maker, Zachariah Brigden, born in 1734 in Charlestown, Mass. His shop was on Corn Hill in Boston. This smaller cup of similar pattern was also of graceful shape. It is inscribed, "The Gift of C.H.I. to the First Church of Christ in Hadley". The initials probably referred to Hannah Ingram, who later became the wife of Deacon Nathaniel Montague.

While the church thus learned that their silver had intrinsic value, it was faced with a difficult decision. Some reasoned that the proffered sum, if accepted, would enable the church to carry out its benevolences and might even help to improve the building itself. A vote was taken and it was agreed to sell. But reconsideration came when it was discovered that younger members had not been legally entitled to vote. By this time some wiser heads were arguing that the cups were beyond price.

At this point Dr. Huntington, who reveres all things old and beautiful, came forward with a solution. He asked to be permitted to pay a sizable sum for five years if the two cups in question could be sent to Boston for study where they could, of course, be displayed safely. At the end of that time the financial status of the church treasury would be improved and best of all, a heritage would be preserved.

So the cups were not sold and they have been available for inspection by many more than visit Hadley's historic church yearly. And with additional funds at its disposal, cabinets were installed in the rear of the church to house the other pieces which are now regarded as sacred remembrances.

Dr. Huntington drove to the Hadley church to watch the unpacking of the old cups he had helped to preserve. He admired again all the other communion pieces now properly displayed in the church sanctuary. If he lingered a little longer before two handsome cups of less antiquity it is not surprising. These cups were inscribed simply, "Presented by Elizabeth Phelps to the Church of Christ in Hadley, 1813."

You see, Elizabeth Phelps was his great-great-grandmother.

HADLEY—Dr. Huntington is pictured with Miss Elinor Smith, general chairman of the First Church tercentennary committee.

June 19 1959 "The Captives" at Forty Acres.

'Captive Tourists' Taken On Trip Through Valley

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Gordon Ainsworth (second from right), of Deerfield, president of the Pioneer Valley Assn., who is active in the Greenfield Chamber of Commerce, arranged for "captive" tourists shown to make a tour of the lower Pioneer Valley, and particularly Hadley, because of the forthcoming Hadley Tercentenary celebration July 31, Aug. 1 and 2.

Each year about 20 tourists driving through Greenfield are stopped by local police and "arrested" . . . then given a royal tour of the Greenfield area . . . a direct "hue" on the Deerfield captives led into captivity by the Indians in 1704.

Ainsworth thought the impact of the Hadley celebration demanded a "forced march" to Hadley. At Hadley, they toured the historic Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, passed the covered bridge and met and talked with John Martula, co-chairman of the town Tercentenary Committee. Before reaching Hadley, Ainsworth led the group from Mount Sugarloaf in South Deerfield, through the grounds of the University of Massachusetts and Amherst College.

In photo, Dr. James L. Huntington (foreground) tells his guests some of the highlights of the Porter - Phelps - Huntington House. At right is Mr. Martula.

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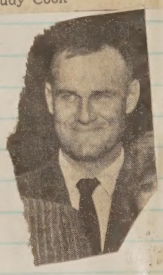
VISIT OLD HOME

HADLEY — The American history classes of Hopkins Academy made a field trip yesterday morning to the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house in North Hadley. The classes, accompanied by their teacher, Francis Smith, and Principal Joseph Zalot, were taken on a personally conducted tour through the historically famous grounds by the curator, Dr. James L. Huntington. Going through the old but beautiful house which stands today just as it did in 1799, made the students all very much aware of the modern conveniences which we take so much for granted.

Dr. Huntington is a direct descendant of Capt. Moses Porter, the original owner of the property. Because of his keen interest in the history of his family, Dr. Huntington was able to tell the class many interesting stories about the old homestead.

The most fascinating of these tales concern a family "ghost" which Dr. Huntington says is still around opening doors, rattling latches and walking up and down stairs in the dark of night. He was very convincing.—Scribe, Judy Cook



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Bay State Historical League Fall Meeting, October 17, 1959

Guests of Longmeadow Historical Society Longmeadow, Mass.

Registration: 10 to noon, Longmeadow Community House, cor. Williams and Longmeadow Streets.

House Tours: 75 cents (all inclusive) 10 to 12 and 1:30 to 4:30; 1786 Storrs House, 1734 Old Red Colton House, 5 or 6 private homes, Longmeadow St.

Afternoon meeting: 1:30 to 3 p.m. Community House.

Speaker: Oliver W. Larkin, professor of art, Smith College.

Luncheon: ($1.75 each) at First Church of Christ, cor. Williams and Longmeadow Streets. Send reservations to the church before Oct. 12.

Transportation: Chartered bus will leave Harvard Sq., Cambridge, 9:15 a.m. Round trip $3.75. Reservations with money should be received not later than Oct. 14 by Miss Lena Wallis, 435 Columbia Rd., Dorchester 25, Mass. (Tel. TAlbot 5-7513).

From the east, via Mass. Turnpike take exit 7, via route 20 turn south on Rte. 21; from the west, via the Turnpike take exit 4, via Route 20 turn south on Route 5A; from the south use Route 5.

Barbara Brown + Jill.

Amazing Tale Regarding Judge Huntington Recalled At Portrait Unveiling In Town Hall

Presentation of C. P. Huntington (Uncle Charles) portrait to the town of Huntington

By MRS. C. R. RUDOLPH

HUNTINGTON—The unveiling of the portrait of the Hon. Judge Charles Phelps Huntington was held Sunday afternoon in the town hall.

Charles E. Hamblin, for many years town moderator and finance committee member, who impersonated Judge Huntington in the town's centenary of 1955, was master of ceremonies. He introduced the honored guests, Mrs. Charles Henry Gordon Huntington, co-donor of the portrait, with her husband, the late Capt. Charles Henry Gordon Huntington; Dr. James Lincoln Phelps Huntington, grandnephew of Judge Huntington who gave the address, and the selectmen, who accepted the portrait.

Mrs. Huntington told the history of the portrait, expressed appreciation to Mrs. Warren Rude, who was in charge of the arrangements for the unveiling and to Paul Faillace for his assistance. Mrs. Huntington then unveiled the excellent portrait of Judge Charles Phelps Huntington to the applause of the assembled group.

The portrait, painted by Richard Morrell Staigg, is hung in the court room of the town hall, a constant reminder of the honor bestowed on our town by the distinguished man, for whom the town is named.

Dr. James Lincoln Phelps Huntington was introduced and gave the following address, entitled "Honored Name - Worthy Town":

"Charles Phelps Huntington was the oldest son of the Rev. Dan Huntington and Elizabeth Whiting Phelps, the only daughter of Charles Phelps of Hadley. Charles was born May 24, 1802, in Litchfield, Conn., where his father was pastor of the Orthodox Church in that beautiful county seat.

When his father, in 1809, transferred to the much larger church in Middletown, Conn., he was but seven years old. Again when his father gave up the ministry and settled in the Phelps home in Hadley, he was only 14. Entering Harvard at 16 meant that most of his boyhood was spent in Connecticut, his father's native state. In spite of this, perhaps because of the tradition in his mother's family, he went to Harvard instead of his father's alma mater, Yale. While at Harvard he was popular and socially prominent, belonging to one of the few undergrad societies. This club was later fused with Porcellian Club, the most exclusive club in Harvard today, so his name appears in the Alumni Catalogue of that society. He was not a ranking scholar, no cum laude appears on his Harvard sheepskin. After graduation he stayed on at Harward, taking courses in law as his uncle had some 30 years before, because even by the 1820s no regular law school had been established at Harvard. After leaving Cambridge he served as an apprentice to a lawyer in North Adams and actually opened an office in that town. He returned to Northampton in 1827, perhaps chiefly on account of his approaching marriage to Helen Sophia Mills, the daughter of one of the most prominent families in that town. He began a very busy practice of his profession. He was at once active in the civil and social life of Northampton. During these years he was in close touch and intimacy with his father's family, and that of his uncle, Charles Porter Phelps, who lived almost across the street from the old mansion. His wife and children also were frequent visitors at Forty Acres.

I have Charles Huntington's diary, kept in his office from Jan. 1, 1831, to September 1834, in which the details of his life in Northampton are recorded. It mentions the ups and downs of his political career as well as the affairs of his private practice. Of particular interest is the account of his first hearing Daniel Webster and later Clay and his comparison of the ability of these two great statesmen. In 1833 he was elected to the legislature as a representative. His career in that body was later described as follows :"Charles Phelps Huntington is one of the principal men, if not the foremost man in the House. He is a gentleman of legal ability, legislative experience and extensive general knowledge. Mr. Huntington is appropriately placed as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, the important committee of the House, and in that capacity he performs most useful service to the state. He is a grave, dignified looking man whose personal appearance is sure to arrest the attention of strangers. He is one of the best looking men in the legislature and a classmate of his in the university volunteers the information that he was unanimously regarded as the handsomest fellow in college. We mention this as an historic fact. On several important questions Mr. Huntington has manifested ability of the highest order. Several of his reports have been models of composition — cogent in their reasonings, ample in facts, impregnable in their legal strength and masterly in their arguments." (Unfortunately, the date of this tribute cannot be found but it must have been in the 1840s.)

During all these years he was still active in affairs in Northampton. He bought half interest in the Hampshire Gazette Jan. 1, 1835, but sold it after five months. He was a Unitarian and most of the subscribers, as well as his partner, William Hawley, were staunch members of the Orthodox Church — strange reading today, but a vital issue 130 years ago.

In 1842, when the Northampton Institute of Savings was incorporated, he was elected president and served as such for eight years. His wife died in 1844 and he became more and more away from Northampton, especially after his marriage to Ellen Greenough of Cambridge in 1847.

However, he was sufficiently active in the valley here to be called upon for counsel, as the following will testify.

The early history of Murrayfield and Norwich, which together composed most of the present town of Huntington, is very obscure but there seems to have been a real settlement here somewhat before 1768 and it continued as the town of Norwich for some 80 years. Then a radical change took place.

The movement began at Chester Village, so called, a thriving business place which had grown up around the Boston & Albany Railroad station. The people in that town were in a very peculiar position as to town and county lines. The line between Blandford and Chester passed through one meetinghouse and through a dwelling house, so that a tenant who lived in a corner room went to Chester to vote, while the others in the house went several miles in another direction. There were other cases nearly as ludicrous and inconvenient. It was pretty easy to change one's location from town to town and even from county to county.

Officers of the law were sadly perplexed to find their "precepts" sometimes just failing while the expected prisoner stood only a few rods or even a few feet away. An attempt to form an entirely new town failed. Then these dwellers in this area petitioned to be added to the town of Norwich. This move was successful.

However, this so altered the town that there was a vigorous movement to change the name of the place. At first the efforts failed. After several annual town meetings with varying sentiments and votes pro and con, in an adjourned meeting in March 1855 it was voted to change the name from Norwich to Huntington in honor of Charles Phelps Huntington of Northampton who managed the legal affairs that brought about this change and successfully presented the town's problem to the Legislature.

There is a legend, which fortunately cannot be verified, that these country folk were delighted with the way Huntington managed the case and brought it to a successful finish. But when he sent his bill for $25 for his services, this newly-created town felt unable to pay such a large bill. They agreed, however, to pay $15 and name the town Huntington in his honor.

I feel sure that there never was such an agreement between the country folk and my distinguished uncle, for we have the text of his letter in which he gracefully accepted the honor and donated a check of $100 to aid in the establishment of a library in the town that should bear his name. He was then a judge of the Superior Court of Massachusetts, a position which he held for six years, when he was made collector of internal revenue for the New England district, an office he held until his death in 1868.

He was a gifted writer. We have many of his letters, essays, and even a few poems. These all testify to his mastery of English and the depth of his philosophy. is a fair example of this ability. The opening passage of his diary Jan. 1, 1831, he wrote, another year has gone by with the years beyond the flood. The fearful worm that measures off our lives has now a leap the less to take and is already gathering itself up for another years and months. Cycles and epicycles in the revolutions of time, airy nothings in the vastness of infinity. Circling eddies in the maelstrom of eternity. We are whirled a few times in the giddy vortex and then swallowed up forever. The past! A night without a dawn. darkness unbroken except by the gleamings of memory. The future! A thick overshadowing cloud, where imagination builds her castles and which have here and there brightens. Dispelled only by the kindling rays of immortality. The present! I have it and yet 'tis gone forever. Oh for an eternal now. Without this man were a mere mote among the wearing atoms of chaos, with it he is a spirit in a universe of immortal souls.

Such was the man whose benign countenance we face and which shall look down from the wall of this fair hall affectionately, on many generations yet to come."

Dr. Huntington's address was given a standing ovation.

First selectman, Alfred Belisle, accepted the portrait on behalf of the citizens of Huntington in the presence of his fellow selectmen, Robert Fennell and Hans Schott.

A silver tea followed under the direction of Mrs. Warren Rude and the Ladies' Aid group of Norwich Hill. Mrs. Fred Nagler, Mrs. Irving Pomeroy, Mrs. William H. Treadwell and Mrs. Worcester Cooper poured. Mrs. Gerald Hays, Mrs. Berton Wood, Mrs. Chester Cady, Mrs. Charles Vanderpool and Mrs. Chester McKinney helped serve. Mrs. Ralph Cole assisted in greeting the citizens who attended this historic event.

Shown in photo are First Selectman Alfred Belisle, who accepted the gift portrait, and Mrs. Warren Rude, who arranged the presentation ceremonies.

Huntington Given Gift of Portrait of Town Namesake

HUNTINGTON — A portrait of Judge Charles P. Huntington was unveiled in a special ceremony Sunday afternoon in the Town Hall.

Bequeathed by Grandson

It was bequeathed to the town by the late Capt. Charles G. Huntington, a grandson of the judge for whom the town was named.

In 1852 legislation was begun to secure the boundaries of the present township. It was not completed until 1855 by Huntington, then an attorney in Boston. When he presented his bill for services to the town, it was discovered that the town did not have enough money to pay him. The townspeople honored him by giving the town his name.

To show his pleasure for the honor Huntington donated $100 to start a library.

Hamblin Presides

The portrait unveiled Sunday was painted by Richard Morrell Staig in Boston.

Charles E. Hamblin, for many years town moderator and Finance Committee member, presided at Sunday's ceremonies.

Mrs. Charles G. Huntington, codonor and widow of the grandson, was a guest.

Dr. James Lincoln Phelps Huntington of Hadley, a grandnephew of the judge, gave an address on the history of the town and the origin of its name.

Selectmen Alfred Belisle, Robert Fennel and Hans Schott accepted the portrait for the town.

Huntington

I was asked to re-act my role of Messalina in Phila Hoy "Ek Lay of Ancient Rome" for the 75th Celebration at the Tavern. The offer was so alluring that I shaved off my beard (I was getting rather tired of it anyway) and appeared before the foot lights at the Tavern.

TAVERN CLUB

75th Anniversary Dinner

1884 1959

Jane Barrett Huntington & Mary his mother Christmas 1959

My English grandchildren Christmas 1959
Anne 11½
Peter 9½
Paul 5½
Benjamin 2½

Sarah Phelps Huntington Christmas 1959

75th Anniversary Celebration

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TAVERN CLUB

75th Anniversary Celebration

November 12, 1959

ARRIÈRES PENSÉES — 1934-1959

Piano: Randall Thompson Narration: P. H. Rhinelander

Episodes:

1. A Roman Camp — Selections from "A Lay of Ancient Rome" by T. Spencer and P. H. Rhinelander, 1934

   Claudius, Emperor of Rome ..... A. Sturgis
   Messalina ..... J. Huntington
   Boadicea ..... S. French

   Chorus of Legionaries: R. Gardiner, James Lawrence, B. Trafford, J. H. Parker, G. Weld, S. von Stade

2. A lonely street — "I Haven't Got TV" from "By Bread Alone, Tra-La" by Donald Moffat and F. W. Hatch, 1950

   Sung by A. Sturgis, accompanied by F. W. Hatch

3. King Arthur's Court — "They Call Her Guinivere" from "The Knights Before Christmas" by P. H. Rhinelander, 1937

   Sir Lancelot ..... H. Abell Guinivere ..... S. French

4. Tea party in Washington — Selections from "The Millionaire," words by P. H. Rhinelander, music by Randall Thompson, 1951

   Mrs. Elvira Bulb ..... S. French
   Wilmot J. Bulb ..... A. Sturgis
   Mr. Peasley ..... P. H. Rhinelander
   Chorus

5. Walden, transported — "Henry Thoreau" from "By Bread Alone, Tra-la" by Donald Moffat and F. W. Hatch, 1950

Sung by F. W. Hatch, accompanied by the composer

6. Evening in Baker Street — Selections from various plays of Sherlock Holmes by P. H. Rhinelander

Dr. Watson ..... T. Lanman
Inspector Lestrade ..... H. Abell
Inspector Gregson ..... B. Trafford
Holmes ..... P. H. Rhinelander
Captain Oldfield of the *Matilda Briggs*
F. M. Forbes

"The Fog Hangs Deep" sung by H. Abell
"Santé" sung by B. Trafford

7. An Edwardian room — "There Once Was a Beautiful Princess" from "The Tracking and Arrest of Huret, the Boulevard Assassin" by P. H. Rhinelander, 1947

Sung by S. French

8. Finale — Selections from "The Gorgonzola," words by P. H. Rhinelander, music by Randall Thompson, 1952

Count Armando Della Patina ..... A. Sturgis
Model ..... S. French

Chorus — Entire cast

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Coordinating Author ..... P. H. Rhinelander
Musical Director ..... Randall Thompson
Stage Director ..... Henry Lyman
Stage Manager ..... Herbert W. Pratt

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SOME SORT OF SPIRIT FOUND IN HOUSE MUSEUM

Hadley Bed Is Subject of Lecture Due at Amherst High

Whenever a story in New England is written about a bed, it usually is George Washington slept there. More enterprising souls lately have reversed the switch that theirs is an historic bed in which George Washington never slept. Of local interest is the historic Porter-Phelps-Huntington House Museum in Hadley, which has a spirit of some kind who reportedly sleeps as well as walks around in the night.

No Changes

Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, curator of the House Museum, told the Pioneer Valley Association that for years he himself has seen the imprint of a stretched-out figure on the canopied bed in the downstair's bedroom. The pillow was deeply indented and the marks returned again and again every time the bed and the pillow were smoothed.

In addition to having a famous ghost by the name of Elizabeth, the Huntington House in Hadley is featured in all leading tour books as an interesting house museum. There have been no structural changes since 1799 and there has never been a division of its fine old furniture. Step into its cool hallway and its finely furnished rooms and you are stepping back 150 years into the authentic treasury of 18th Century American life.

A tour through the Huntington House is enhanced by the presence of Dr. James Lincoln Huntington, a direct descendant of Capt. Moses Porter who built the mansion.

Dr. Huntington's knowledge of the original owners of many of the gracious heirlooms contained in the building—obtained through the study of the diary of Elizabeth Porter, kept faithfully from 1763 to 1812, as well as from other historic papers and letters in the house—provides the rich background of romance and understanding.

Word of Death

The homestead boasts the same tapestries, floor coverings, table utensils and china and earthenware used by Dr. Huntington's ancestors. He shows visitors the sword carried by his ancestor, Moses Porter, who was killed in the French and Indian Wars of 1755; and also the widow through which this sword was handed to Capt. Porter's wife by his servant. This was the first word Mrs. Porter had of her husband's death.

On the 19th, Dr. Louis C. Jones, noted historian and author from Cooperstown, N. Y., will present a ghost story lecture at the Amherst Regional High School at 8 p. m. The subject will be "Things That Go Bump in the Night," taken from his successful book of the same name. The book contains more than 200 stories of the restless dead; authentic American folklore handed down by word of mouth and retold in six chapters of continuous, exciting narrative by Dr. Jones, who is considered the outstanding authority in the field.

The stories taken from the book which will be highlighted in the lecture will be the story of Elizabeth who wanders in the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, the headless horsemen who roam the Catskills, murderers, and theories about the reasons the departed come back to their earthly haunts. Among the more amusing, Dr. Jones will tell about "Hitchhiking Hattie of Albany," and the "Brooklyn Sweater Girl."

"Things That Go Bump in the Night," a ghost story lecture, will be the theme of a talk by Dr. Louis C. Jones, historian and lecturer, in the Amherst Regional High Schol auditorium on May 19 at 8 p. m. This will be the first of a new series of programs being sponsored by the ways and means committee of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation for the benefit of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House Museum in Hadley.

Homer G. Perkins of Easthampton, chairman of the committee, has had the assistance of Mrs. Stephen Brown of Amherst and Mrs. William Craven of Pioneer Valley Assn. in making arrangements for the event. The committee selected Dr. Jones because the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House is widely featured in Dr. Jones' book, "Things That Go Bump in the Night," recently published. The book contains more than 200 stories of the restless dead; authentic American folklore handed down by word of mouth and retold in six chapters of continuous, exciting narrative by Dr. Jones, who is considered an outstanding authority in the field.

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Dr. Jones, director of the New York State Historical Assn. and its Farmer's Museum, Cooperstown, N. Y., was educated in the Albany public schools; Hamilton College, 1930, A. B.; Columbia University, A. M., 1931; Ph. D., 1941. As director of the New York Historical Assn., he has seen Farmer's Museum attain national reputation as a leading folk museum in America. Early crafts and processes are carried on the same way they were 150 years ago.

Tickets for the unusual lecture will be available the night of the performance at the door.

"Things that go *Bump* in the Night"

A spooky chronology of America's past

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Dorothy Feldman Pleases At Forty Acres Concert

7/17/60

The gifted soprano, Dorothy Feldman of Amherst, gave a recital of folk songs Sunday afternoon at the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House, better known as Forty Acres, in Hadley.

Tours through the museum house were conducted by helpful and charming hostesses who are volunteer guides from Hadley and vicinity. They almost bring the old house to life with their knowledgable remarks and thoughtful observations on antiques and the house's history.

The tours through the house and refreshments served graciously on the lawn, preceded the concert which was held in an adjoining barn. Mrs. Feldman, who is well known for her memorable roles in several Amcop operas, as well as many single concerts, offered to a select audience a very choice selection of English folk songs. The first group was made up of songs from Shakespeare's plays, some used, as sung, in his plays and others, his poems set to later composed melodies.

As we have come to expect from this artist, her tone and diction were exquisite. The melodies, for the most part, were very like and in some cases probably were, models or madrigals of the same period. The words were all extremely important for they often told stories from many verses and it was important not to miss the train of thought. Mrs. Feldman is as precise in her articulation as in intonation.

Her first song from Shakespeare's plays entitled "Hi Ho for a Husband" and the songs which followed were perfectly charming examples of what a disciplined artist with a beautiful instrument can do.

Three settings for the Willow Song from Othello came next. The first from a 1582 Lute Book was the version used in the play, the second, with music by Pelham Humphrey, was written 100 years later. The third was used in the opera Othello with music by Rossini. This last, of course, was operatic and showed off Mrs. Feldman's ability in that line.

The next from "Measure for Measure" was "Take, O Take those Lips Away" with music by John Wilkes. This she called a "Singer's song" and it was evident that it required more restraint and was sung with meticulous care. From "As You Like It," Mrs. Feldman sang the familiar "It was a Lover and His Lass," a light and tripping little concoction.

Just before a short intermission, songs from an "Elizabethan Song Book" included Dowland's "Come Heavy Sleep," a song of long sustained lines, the short but delightful "The Lowest Trees Have Tops" and two very different numbers by Campion, the lyrical and lovely "Never Weather Beaten Sail" and the light "So Quick, So Hot, So Mad."

Mrs. Feldman continued with more English folk songs. A cute, light "Briary Bush" was followed by the lovely "The Crystal Spring," "Whistle Daughter, Whistle," a cumulative verse folksong with a different tune but similar words to the Burl Ives' version amused the audience.

She concluded with one of her favorites, the assuredly lovely and poignant "My Lovely Celia," with words by George Munroe and a saucy "A Sailor Loved a Lass."

For an encore she left us with a beautiful memory, singing the flawless "Have You Seen But a Whyte Lily Grow," words by Ben Johnson and music written in 1614.

Prof. and Mrs. Feldman are leaving very shortly for Los Angeles, where they reside for a sabbatical year. I mention this to justify the use of the word memory as that is what we will have to be satisfied with until their return.

There will be a concert July 31 by the Northampton American Legion Band under the direction of Alfred Purseglove. A third concert is planned for August with details to be announced.—F. M. R.

HADLEY

7/14/60

On Friday morning, the Hopkins Academy U. S. history classes visited the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum in connection with their study of early American History. Dr. Huntington, curator of the museum, related incidences of early Hadley history and explained many interesting features of the home itself as well as the furniture and documents inside. The trip made more clear to the students the hardships endured by the early settlers and made them more appreciative of our modern way of life.

HADLEY

7/20/60

HADLEY — Whitcomb's Rangers will put on a demonstration Sunday afternoon at 1:30 at Porter-Phelps-Huntington House with the Northampton American Legion Band to play at 2:30. The home and grounds will be open to the public following the concert. There will be a guided tour.

MARCHING OFF to fetch the dolls to the tea party is Sarah Huntington, 5750 Kenwood. Other guests are, from left, Michael Travers, Mark Nitecki, 5617 Drexel, and Michael Mumford, 5318 Kenwood. Hyde Park Herald 8/5/60

AUCTION

MON., AUG. 15 '60

10:30 A. M.

At "Forty Acres" Hadley on Route 47 between Hadley and North Hadley

This sale will be for the benefit of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington fund to maintain the museum. All articles in the sale are donated. Nothing from "Forty Acres" will be offered.

There will be numerous antiques such as chairs, stands, wall brackets, East Indian settee, marble top table, Pennsylvania corner cupboard with glass doors, sectional bookcase, 2 black walnut side chairs, embossed brass chest.

Trays, tinware, jugs, 6 apothecary jars, silk shawl, tapa cloth, Oriental table, clocks, bed spreads, lace and many other items.

Sale under tent. Caterer in attendance. Inspection from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a. m. on sale day.

While attending the auction be sure to visit the museum home.

GEORGE H. BEAN
"Yankee Auctioneer"

Redwood City, California
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ANATOMIC MATERIAL

To the Editor: I read with interest the editorials and articles in the *Journal* regarding the desperate need for anatomic material in medical schools. Over a century ago, when an even more desperate situation faced the teachers of anatomy, it was our immortal colleague John Warren who, by donating his body for dissection, established the now recognized use of unclaimed bodies for this purpose. Times have changed. Unclaimed bodies are rare. Our economic picture has greatly altered. Again, the future teaching of anatomy is in the balance. The value of human life in every degree has leveled off. As we know, all men are created equal. Who are we to relegate or classify the disposal of these end products of conception? Who can better look forward to the proper perpetuation of our profession than we, who have so richly benefited by our training? Is there some use for the future of the world in these tissues of ours that we burn or bury? If so, how much better to donate them to the cause of science and essential training of doctors of the future!

JAMES LINCOLN HUNTINGTON, M.D.
(Harvard Medical School, 1907)
Hadley, Massachusetts

HADLEY

A daughter was born Sunday to Cooley Dickinson Hospital to Hopkins Academy Principal Joseph E. Zalot and Mrs. Zalot of Russell St.

In conjunction with their United States history class, the junior class took a field trip to the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house last Friday morning. Before the students were guided through the house, Dr. Huntington gave a brief history of the house as well as early Hadley. Although the students had to hurry through the huge house, the tour provided an excellent picture of home life in the colonial period. Serving as guides for the class were Mrs. Sessions and Mrs. Griswold.

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London Times Dec 4/62

MR. CONSTANT HUNTINGTON

Dec 1962

A correspondent writes:—

Mr. Constant Huntington, who for almost 40 years was head of Putnam & Co., the publishers, has died in London after a long illness.

Constant Huntington was one of the very last of the individualist publishers: it is doubtful if Putnam, under his control, ever published a book that he had not only read but dealt with personally, in every detail. Between the wars, he made a notable contribution to British publishing.

Born in Boston in 1876, he studied architecture after being at Harvard, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and he joined G. P. Putnam and Sons, the New York publishers, in 1902. Three years later he came to England to take charge of their London office, then primarily concerned with distributing American-published books. He never concealed his delight in London society and what he called "the great world", and he entered into life here with enthusiasm, later in the company of his talented wife, the author of *Madame Solario*.

He had already demonstrated his flair for spotting promising authors by securing an option, from his friend William Heinemann, on the American rights of John Galsworthy. But it was from the early 1920s that he was able to develop his full publishing ability, not only in choosing literature, but—a Bostonian with the common touch—in appreciating the popular. He was responsible for an astonishingly wide range of authors, from Florence Barclay (author of *The Rosary*) to Dr. Marie Stopes (whom he took on long before she was "respectable") including *All Quiet on the Western Front*, and that minor classic, *The Specialist*. In the twenties he published L. H. Myers, and, more than 10 years before he was acclaimed, L. P. Hartley. In the thirties he had a particularly good judgment of foreign authors: Sholokhov, Hans Fallada, Italo Svevo, Karen Blixen. Perhaps the author whose work gave him most pleasure of all (because he was particularly involved) was Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart.

Constant Huntington was a soldierly-looking, strikingly handsome man, patrician in taste, radical in outlook; his qualities were consistently reflected in the books he published.

Constant died Dec. 4 1962

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Annual Report Of Foundation

Twenty members and directors of Porter Phelps Huntington House Foundation met at the River Dr. house for election of officers and the report of the president and curator, Dr. J. L. Huntington.

Officers elected for 1963-64 are: vice president, Mrs. Stephen Brown of Amherst; clerk, William E. Dwyer of Northampton and North Hadley; treasurer, Glenn E. Clark of North Hadley. New directors for three years, William E. Hubbard, Homer G. Perkins, Prof. Howard H. Quint, Rabbi Louis Ruchames and Mrs. John A. Sessions; for two years, Mr. Clark; executive committee, Mrs. Brown, Allister MacDougall, Mr. Clark and Dr. Huntington.

A most successful year was described in the curator's report with 319 visitors during the season, a slight increase over the previous year. There was a treasury increase from gifts, admissions to the house and the annual dues of more than 300 members. Repairs to the foundation of the historic 1752 house, restoration of two portraits and painting and restoration of the 1771 kitchen increased the attractions of the fine old house. The old garden north of the house has been extended to its original length and the grape arbor, destroyed in the 1936 flood, has been rebuilt and the grape vines replanted.

A proposal was accepted to devote a gift of money in memory of Constant Huntington and his wife to the arbor as a memorial.

Following the meeting, tea and cakes were served in the dining room of the house with Mrs. Edice Gale, Mrs. Bernardston and Mrs. Bissland of Charlemont hostesses, assisted by Miss Cole, Miss Callahan. Mrs. Bissland, curator of house, arts and crafts for the hou arranged flowers throughout the rooms now open for tors until October.

annual Meeting
May 1963

Cooking Facilities Of Past Thanksgivings

Gazette Nov. 1961

In the old days the Thanksgiving turkey would be roasting on a spit in the fireplace of this 1770 kitchen at Forty Acres, says Dr. James L. Huntington of his ancestral home at 128 River Drive, Hadley. The indescribable fragrance of spicy pies and crusty breads would be issuing from the brick-lined oven, whose cast-iron door he has just removed to see if the three-legged "spider" would fit inside. Leaning against the fireplace are two long-handled peels, the wooden one used for handling baked goods, the iron one for coals from the fire which was built inside the oven. Before starting to bake, the cook would either remove the coals from the oven, or push them to one side, depending on the temperature desired or duration of heat required.

"I'd be delighted," said courtly Dr. James L. Huntington of 128 River Dr., Hadley, when asked if he minded appearing on the Woman's Page. Dr. Huntington does his own cooking these days, having retired from his profession, an obstetrician. After retiring, he was a physician with the local American Red Cross Bloodmobile unit for several years.

At present the doctor, as curator of Forty Acres, is keeping busy with a diary started in 1752 by the mother-in-law of his great-grandfather, Dan Huntington, and recorded for almost 75 years. He is attempting to identify all the people mentioned therein, family visitors, and friends, some with only initials as clues.

Brought up by his father in the Agassiz approach to nature, his main interest in its many wonders was, and still is, birds. As a great friend of Thomas Barber, the noted naturalist, he traveled with him on many of his expeditions.

Many people know of Dr. Huntington's unusual ability with recitations, endowing poetry with vivid dramatizations, Kipling being his favorite poet. As an active member of the Tavern Club in Boston, he has acted in many of their productions.

The doctor and his brother had uncovered the 1817 homestead fireplace in 1921, to the top of the simple panel, which bore the marks of the plasterer's tools. A great stove had stood in front of it since 1850, probably because it was more convenient than the fireplace for cooking.

For holiday dinner-parties Dr. Huntington suggests roasting a suckling pig, in the old tradition, which he maintains, is very simple. Between now and Christmas, the baby pigs are at the right age, around six weeks, weighing about 20 pounds. The doctor has cooked at least six during his chef's role.

Returned from the of my repeated visits to the Cooley Dickinson I hospital for the treatment of my electrolytic problem

Ambulance to the hospital Dr Chrisman and the X rays confirmed the diagnosis and the following morning Dr operated putting a giant spike to hold the pieces together - I was on my feet (temporarily) that night & started Ambulatory treatment the next day. At the end of 2 weeks I was able to go up & down stairs twice a day & came home able to take care of myself as well as ever.

In August 1961 Jno + his family came to America and they with Ben & Sue came up to Hadley and spent the last part of their stay here. They left the Country Bells a fine total seen to Hadley and host Christ in St. 9

Anne is standing behind me + Benjamin James on my lap, Peter in between us father + Mother and Paul beside her Uncle Paul.

These 2 snaps were taken by John + sent me from England.

18th Century Bouquet Inspired By Colonial Paintings

Shortly after Mrs. James Brissland of Charlemont became a hostess at the Porter - Phelps - Huntington House in Hadley, she was asked to arrange flowers for the house in the eighteenth century fashion. Her source of inspiration and study was a book by Louise B. Fisher "An Eighteenth Century Garland," written about the usage of flowers and fruits in the restored buildings of colonial Williamsburg, and their employment in the modern home. References include colonial records and paintings, inspiring the author's concepts, and the reader's. Bringing most of the necessary flowers from her home garden, Mrs. Brissland selected appropriate bowls and vases for her unusually decorative arrangements. Shown here is a Lowestoft bowl found in the "Long Room" of Porter - Phelps - Huntington House, the design and colors of flowers making a gracious and proper adornment. Some of the flowers are gladiolas, helianthus (brown like a daisy), liatris (on a purple spike), asters and euonymus.

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I loaned Mrs Brissland (my guide for the summer of 1962) the book by Mrs. Fisher and she made remarkable use of it. There are not the best creations but there were many nearly of not quite an authentic

July 1963

Constant's friend for nearly 60 years (She was visiting his father's camp in the Adirondacks when Grandfather and my father died in 1904) not hearing from Constant at Christmas 1962 became troubled and on enquiring learned from friends that she had died. She wrote me for details. I sent her the desired information and a little about this house and a copy of Forty Acres. She immediately sent a check for $100. as a memorial to Constant + Gladys. At the annual meeting it was voted to pay for the restoration of the old grape arbor as a memorial from her. Alister McDougall said that he had a hand stone block which had once been used on a desk that he would gladly donate. These colored photographs taken by Mrs. MacDougall after Alister had put the marker in place show the arbor and the marker.

July 1963

Paul & I enjoy the nice warm sun. Received both these pictures in Aug. 1963

THE NEW YORK TIMES, WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1963.

Wharf-Theater Era Takes a Curtain Call

Model of '16 O'Neill Stage Is Dedicated at Provincetown

By ARTHUR GELB
Special to The New York Times

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., July 23—A sentimental tribute was voiced here today to the original Provincetown Playhouse, where the dramas of Eugene O'Neill received their first recognition.

Seventy-five townspeople, including octogenarians, who recall the birth of the theater on the wharf in the summer of 1915, gathered at the Provincetown Museum for the unveiling of a model of the Playhouse. The model, which took 10 months to build, will be on permanent exhibition.

Also at the ceremony were sunburned children who had never heard of O'Neill or been told, as William Archer, the English critic, once wrote, that the sand dunes of Cape Cod were "the real birthplace of the American theater."

Nevertheless, the youngsters gazed with awe at the exquisitely rendered model of the converted fishing shack, rickety platform and pilings that was the stage for O'Neill's "Bound East for Cardiff" in 1916.

The children peered eagerly through the model's tiny windows to see the stage set for the O'Neill play. And they listened respectfully as Charles Hapgood, son of Neith Boyce and Hutchins Hapgood, described his boyhood memories of the theater, which his parents helped to found.

Courtney Allen, Mary Heaton Vorse, center, and Catharine Huntington study model of wharf theater, where Provincetown Players produced "Bound East for Cardiff" in 1916.

Owner of Wharf Speaks

The youngsters listened, too, as Mary Heaton Vorse, now in her eighties, whose wharf and fish house it was, acknowledged the memorial, which "brings the old wharf always to mind."

The model, displayed in a roomy glass case, is flanked on three walls by photographs, old playbills and other memorabilia pertaining to O'Neill and to those who have kept his plays alive here. The model is 6 feet long, 32 inches wide and 27 inches from the base of its weathered pilings to its shingled top. One-half inch represents one foot.

Constructed by Courtney Allen, a North Truro artist, from old lumber, charred saplings and sawdust, the model is based largely on his vivid memories of the building. He and some friends opeated it as a coffeehouse duing the early twenties.

The original Playhouse was destroyed by fire and ice storms by 1924. At low tide a few pilings still jut from Cape Cod Bay on property that passed from Mrs. Vorse to John Dos Passos and is now owned by Ben Sonnenberg, the New York publicity man.

The model was commissioned by the Provincetown Museum's director, Melville T. Nichols, and contributed by Catharine Huntington, who operates the modern Provincetown Playhouse on one of the few wharves left in town.

Opener Will Be Repeated

The Playhouse opens each summer with an O'Neill play; this season it was "Long Day's Journey Into Night," which will be repeated July 29-Aug. 3.

Also speaking at the ceremony was Mary Bicknell, who, at the age of 90, recalls helping run one of the two summer playhouses in Provincetown that filled the gap between the original and the one that Miss Huntington established in 1940.

Dr. Daniel Hiebert, who attended the birth of O'Neill's second son, Shane, recalled his efforts to keep O'Neill sober long enough to write his first full-length production, "Beyond the Horizon."

Mr. Hapgood said he could identify the model's version of the front-row seat from which he had viewed "Bound East for Cardiff."

Sipping a glass of sherry and leaning on a cane, Mrs. Vorse told how her wharf was commandeered as a theater. Each of the hastily assembled founders contributed a few dollars and ransacked their homes for scenery.

"We had no mission," she said. "We just had plays—and we had fun. It's exciting to know that it turned into history."

Sussex "Big Day!"

Morning Student–Afternoon Hostess

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EARLY CLASSES — British-born Margaret Rawson was caught by the camera as she emerged from Northampton Commercial College after morning classes in the theory of shorthand and typing. Margaret says she doesn't often smile at this point but her smile is quick and warm when chatting about her stay in the United States. A scholarship graduate student at Smith College last year, she is looking forward to a possible position this fall with a publishing house in New York City.

Coming from Leicester, in the Midlands section of England, Margaret Rawson, a graduate of the University of Manchester with a B.A. in American literature, has been in this area for about a year.

The attractive blonde was offered a scholarship at Smith College, and a diploma in American studies for foreign students, a new course given by the four-college association. While at Smith, Margaret lived at Talbot House, an undergraduate dormitory, which gave her the advantage of becoming well acquainted with more of the students.

Through a student and friend of Mrs. John Sessions, the young Britisher learned of a summer position as hostess at Huntington House in Hadley. This has been very much of her liking, since it can be related to her mair interests. The more she reads of the former inhabitants' journals and letters, the more involved she becomes. A complete new look is given to everything, the gardens, the architecture and the furniture. Margaret was amused to find that the priceless Sheraton chairs in the old mansion are used by the owners, while at home one was never allowed to sit on them.

Naturally, she has had to learn a great many pertinent facts in order to conduct visitors around the house, but each group is quite different, according to Margaret, and she suits her explanations to each one's taste, concentrating on furniture for some, architecture for others, dress and individuals for those preferring them, etc.

It is easy to see that this friendly young lady is loving every minute of her stay here, her own assertion. It's a whole new world, and a quite different life, with the abundance and enormity of everything most outstanding. Even the robins are bigger, although actually in England they are really thrushes.

Although there is no language difference, our way of life varies from theirs in a way that the rest of Europe's doesn't, she notes. Margaret feels that one must live here awhile before these differences are noticed, mainly in the variety and timeliness of transportation, the household luxuries. She finds it odd that not many varieties of cheeses or fish are easily available; and wonders why we keep our cheese refrigerated. Clotted cream is another item not to be found, or properly recognized when referred to in conversation.

Unusual to the observant miss are the local governments and their autonomous status, the churches which seem more social than home, and the amount of visiting with friends in communal places, instead of at their homes.

Eventually Margaret hopes to get into the editorial side of the magazine publishing houses. Occupying some of her morning hours have been classes in the theory of shorthand and typing technique, which she has found extremely fascinating and helpful. After another year here, perhaps in a position in New York this winter, the young Britisher believes she will return home with a home definite outlook on her future.

We were most fortunate to have this charming British girl as a guest for the summer of 1963. She was most efficient and every one was delighted with her and the way she did her work.

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DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE,

A Painting Of The Mt. Holyoke Range

BROUGHT TO LIGHT—This nostalgic painting of the Mt. Holyoke Range as seen from an Amherst apple orchard by artist Stephen Hamilton of 19 Old Town Rd., Amherst, is now hanging in the Huntington Historic House Museum, in what is now called "The Shed," but which will be transformed eventually into a meeting hall or auditorium. Dr. Charles Huntington, curator, accepted the 6½ by 4½-foot mural for the museum from Alister McDougall of Westford who had stored the painting for many years, and had recently been given it by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the gift was to donate the work to some appropriate museum or art collection. Mr. Hamilton was commissioned to complete the painting in 1935 by the department for an exhibition at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

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a really beautiful mural. Photograph p. 230

Meeting of the Directors Oct. 63 This account re written by E.S.H.

Huntington House Activities Related

At a meeting of directors of the historic Porter-Phelps-Huntington House of Hadley in the Northampton law office of William E. Dwyer, Dr. James L. Huntington, the curator, gave an unusually interesting report of several important donations, gifts and improvements with a most encouraging account of the summer's activities.

Present were Glenn Clark of North Hadley, treasurer; Mr. Dwyer, Mrs. Barbara Craven, Donald Fenn of Northampton, Miss Catharine Huntington of Boston, Mrs. John Sessions of Hadley and Prof. Howard Quint of the University of Massachusetts.

Dr. Huntington, as chairman reported two gifts made in memory of his brother, Constant Huntington and his wife, of London. One from Mildred Stokes Hooker of Charleston, S.C., had been used to build again the grape arbor in the 18th century garden, the second from Miss Mary Churchill Humphries was now voted to be used to restore the flower garden itself, as an added attraction to the house. The curator reported the number of visitors had greatly increased this past summer of 1962. A foundation representative, Mrs. Evelyn Halpin of Washington had attended the meeting of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington and reported activitiese of the house during the season.

An interesting gift announced by the curator was that of a mural painting, "Spring View of the Mt. Holyoke Range," by the artist Stephen Hamilton of Amherst. This had been in possession of Allister MacDougal of Westford on loan from the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture and through his interest was donated by them to the historic house where it is now hung in one of the arched sheds where visitors are received. Another generous donation was reported, made by Alfred W. Jones of New York, to restore and paint the dining room in its original color.

It is there that still another addition to the family portraits is now hung. A portrait by the famous American painter, Chester Harding of Epes Sargent, brother of Hannah Dane Sargent, wife of Bishop Frederic Huntington. He was known as the poet-editor of the Boston Evening Transcript. The painting, done in about 1835, was received from the estate of Constant Huntington this summer.

Plans for the publishing of the famous diary of Elizabeth Porter, later Mrs. Charles Phelps, daughter of Captain Moses Porter who built Forty Acres, were discussed. Publication of this diary will begin with the January issue of The "Register" of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society financed by Mrs. Llewellyn Howland of Boston, a life member of the Porter-Phelps House. The preparation of a later publication in book form is considered and Dr. Huntington appointed Mr. Fenn and Prof. Quint to report on this project which will add even more to the interest and value in the unique story of the old house.

Northampton, Hadley Men Contribute To Noteworthy Documentary Acquisition

Northampton and Hadley may boast of their contribution to the acquisition by the Massachusetts Historical Society of what last night was termed "the last outstanding collection of papers of a Revolutionary War general to be turned over to an institution like this."

It was through the research of a Northampton man, John C. Cavanagh, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Cavanagh of Dryads Green, that the worth of the collection of papers of Gen. Benjamin Lincoln was discovered. And he was put on the trail of that collection, which had been reposing in a bank vault in Boston, by a great great great grandson of Gen. Lincoln, Hadley resident Dr. James Lincoln Huntington."

Last night at a reception and dinner at the Colonial Society of Massachusetts in Boston attended by Mr. Cavanagh the papers were accepted in behalf of the Massachusetts Historical Society from the Lincoln heirs, headed by Mrs. Elizabeth S. Beveridge who resides in the 1665 Lincoln house in Lincoln Sq., Hingham.

Presented to each guest was a five page booklet written by Mr. Cavanagh on the Lincoln Papers as a dissertation for his Ph. D. degree on which he is working at Duke University. The monograph is the result of months of research conducted last winter and summer by Mr. Cavanagh on the collection and is the forerunner of a book on Gen. Lincoln's life planned by him.

It was Maj. Gen. Lincoln who represented the American forces under the command of Gen. George Washington in the historic surrender ceremonies on Oct. 19, 1781 ending the American colonies' fight for independence. When British Gen. Charles Cornwallis delegated Brig. Gen. Charles O'Hara to carry his sword in the surender, Washington in turn directed Lincoln to touch the sword, thereby accepting the surrender of the 8,000 man British army at Yorktown.

Gen. Lincoln died in 1810 after having served as secretary of war, a lieutenant governor of Massachusetts and the first collector of the Port of Boston.

Tribute was paid to Mr. Cavanagh for his part in securing the papers for the Massachusetts Historical Society by its president, Thomas Boylston Adams, who was host for the occasion last evening.

A graduate of Dartmouth College in 1955, Mr. Cavanagh obtained his M. A. from Columbia University and later taught at the Dublin School for Boys. Last year he taught history at Duke University where he now is engaged in obtaining his Ph. D. degree.

Took Yorktown Surrender

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General Lincoln Papers Donated

By FRED BRADY

In a stately room of the Old Boston yesterday, a poised lady presided at her family presentation of the papers of the Hingham general who was suddenly ordered by Washington to take the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Some Cherished 'History' Corrected

The room was the Dowse Library in the handsome headquarters of the Massachusetts Historical Society at 1154 Boylston St. The lady was Mrs. Elizabeth S. Beveridge. The Hingham general was Maj. Gen. Benjamin Lincoln (1733-1810), and Mrs. Beveridge is his descendent—12 generations removed—who lives in the 1665 Lincoln house in Lincoln Square in Hingham.

Did you know that Cornwallis did not surrender his sword to Washington?

Neither did The Herald until yesterday. The Herald learned that from the scholar of the Benjamin Lincoln papers, John C. Cavanagh, a Northampton boy who is Dartmouth '55 and now at Duke University.

Cavanagh said that on that October day in 1781 the Marquess Cornwallis feigned illness and did not appear.

General Washington, mounted, was waiting. Suddenly Washington realized that Cornwallis was not to take this "indignity" but had sent one of his generals—named O'Hara.

Washington, Cavanagh went on "quickly designated Gen. Lincoln. Gen. Lincoln proffered his hand and touched the sword of Cornwallis held by General O'Hara."

And that is how the mighty British empire surrendered to the Colonials who had fought for freedom since Lexington and Concord.

Cavanagh laughed suddenly as he walked with The Herald to the Lincoln family reception in the library and said:

DINED TOGETHER

"Yet, you know, General Lincoln dined with Cornwallis that night."

Host for the reception was the president of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Thomas Boylston Adams, in the line of the family whose papers are the nation's — and the Society's — historical prize.

The General Lincoln papers were turned over to the custody of the society by the heirs and descendants. In addition to Mrs. Beveridge they include John Winslow Bryant of Beverly Farms, Mrs. Daniel S. Cheever of Pittsburgh, Bishop Lauriston L. Scaife of Buffalo, N. Y., and Roger Marvin Scaife of Cazenovia, N. Y.

The Society's director, Stephen T. Riley told The Herald: "This is really the last outstanding collection of a Revolutionary War general to be turned over to an institution like this."

ECHOES ENTHUSIASM

Echoing his enhusiasm was the Society's editor of publications, Malcolm Freiberg, who pointed out his notes on the papers which said:

"Any institution would rejoice over the acquisition of such a choice collection of papers and documents. The Massachusetts Historical Society feels particularly proud to be the institution so chosen."

Gen. Lincoln, descendant of an English cooper named Thomas Lincoln, had a full life, rich in honors. He served as U.S. Secretary of War after Yorktown, was later a lieutenant governor of Massachusetts and in 1789 became the first Collector of the Port of Boston.

Yesterday The Herald, as is its wont, went about the room collecting generations of the general's line. John Bryant produced the 13th generation, his own pleasant daughters, Cynthia, Rose and Anne.

PRESENT FROM ITALY

But honors went to a visiting lady—here for the presentation from her home in Florence, Italy —Mrs. Elizabeth Pieri daughter of Mrs. Beveridge and so 13th generation herself. But, as she told The Herald with a proud smile, she and her husband, Dr. Antonio Pieri, have Pier Filippo, 7, and Caterina, 5,—14th generation.

At that point The Herald bumped into Benjamin Lincoln Huntington of Manchester, nephew of Boston's noted Provincetown Playhouse impresario, Catherine Sargent Huntington. He happened to mention that "we have the General's lowboy."

"Mahogany?" The Herald asked. Huntington smiled and said: "Pine, with a veneer of mahogany."

But the old general was solid. No wonder Washington liked him.

Once, when the "southern citizenry" was protesting serving in the Revolutionary War, Gen. Lincoln wrote:

"Did not the inhabitants of this state prior to and at the commencement of the present war of everything dear to them in life covenant, each with the other, that they would support the contest with Great Britain at the hazard and would even resign that rather than enjoy it under her galling yoke?"

Society Given Gen Lincoln's Private Papers

By HERBERT A. KENNY

The papers of Gen Benjamin Lincoln, who served under Gen Washington in the Revolutionary War, were presented Tuesday afternoon to the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Lincoln, from Hingham, was commander of the Southern Department of the Army during the War for Independence. His papers date from 1773 to 1810.

Included among the documents, presented by his descendants, are letters from Washington and other leaders of the period.

Numbering more than 300 items, the collection also contains letters from Gen Henry Knox, Army artillery commander during the war.

Knox commanded the guns on Dorchester Heights which drove the British from Boston Bay.

The papers are important for many personal details they give of the most prominent men of the period. They provide much new information on Shay's Rebellion in Massachusetts, which was put down by forces commanded by Lincoln.

The collection was presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Beveridge of Hingham, Mrs. Daniel Cheever of Pittsburg, John Winslow Bryant of Beverly Farms and Rodger Marvin Scaife of Cazenovia, N.Y.

Also at hte presentation were John C. Cavanagh of Duke University, who is writing a biography of Lincoln, and Thomas B. Adams, president of the society.

Lincoln was also Secretary of War and lieutenant governor of Massachusetts.

(Herald Staff Photo by Daniel Murphy)

PRESENTING GENERAL'S PAPERS—At the Massachusetts Historical Society yesterday, beneath the portrait of Maj. Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, were, left to right, Stephen T. Riley, Thomas Boylston Adams, society president; Mrs. Elizabeth Pieri, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Beveridge, Mrs. Daniel S. Cheever, and John Winslow Bryant.

I was invited by John Bryant to the presentation tea and the dinner — of course I could not go. But Ben (who is a sailing companion in the Mendelssohn Yacht Club with Bryant) went to the tea and private tour but could not go to the dinner as he had to be free for a trip Lew Lane the next day. John Gavenagh said that the dinner was the finest he ever attended & hoped to attend. It was held in the beautiful room of the Colonial Society's House on Beacon Hill (I was Corresponding Sec. of the Colonial Club for several years until I left Boston). This all started right up here when John Gavenagh got the inspiration to use Lincoln as his subject & his doctoral thesis at Duke. I sent them to Boston with letters to Steve Riley at the Massachusetts Historical Society and to Cousin Elizabeth Beveridge. John was over from there and won the friendship of Cousin Elizabeth & her cousin John Bryant who was the legal trustee appointed by the family for the care of these priceless papers. John not only won the exclusive right to use these papers but gradually built up an infinite trust persuaded the family to gift this vast collection (no mean gift - the family turned down flat an offer of $25,000.00 from a Western University & the Mass. Historical Society, as they had been trying for some 50 years to get a look at these papers, the Mass. Historical regards John as an angel sent from Heaven. I take great pride in the very small part I played in this unusual yet occasion.

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Historic Dwelling Has Fine Season

HADLEY—Dr. James Huntington, curator of the historic Porter - Phelps - Huntington House on River Dr., gave a report of interest at the meeting of the directors in Northampton. Present were Atty. William E. Dwyer; Mrs. Stephen Brown, vice president of the corporation; Daniel P. Sullivan, treasurer, and members of the board, Allistair F. MacDougal, Mrs. Barbara Craven, Donald Fenn, Mrs. John Sessions and Miss Catherine Huntington.

Dr. Huntington reported there were 250 more visitors this summer than in 1961. In additian to those from this area, there were foreign students from Denmark, Germany and India. There had been a generous response from members to an appeal which now insures the restoration of valuable portraits by Thomas Fitch and, in addition, the repairs and restoration of the 1770 kitchen in the 1752 house. Plans were approved by the directors to publish a new brochure of the house and its contents and to offer the salaried position of resident assistant to the curator for the summer months next year. Appreciation was given to women of Hadley and Amherst as well as to those from further neighborhoods who served as hostesses was voted unanimously and to others whose assistance in various ways had made the

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Constant Indian Attacks Harried Early Settlers Of Hadley; Tercentenary Soon

This is the first in a two-part series by Dr. Huntington on the first houses erected outside the stockade of Hadley. Dr. Huntington has written these articles in conjunction with the Hadley Tercentenary celebration to be observed in July and August of this year.

By JAMES L. HUNTINGTON

As this assignment concerns the growth and the settlement of Hadley "outside the stockade", it is of primary importance, even if it overlaps other articles, to clearly define just what we mean by this term.

Obviously all that part of the original Hadley west of the river was outside, but of course will not enter into this narrative.

We know that the east portion of Hadley was settled by a few hardy pioneers from Connecticut who actually took up residence here in the late fall of 1659.

However, we must realize that there was very little if any organization for several months after this.

By the previous agrreement made in Hartford, before coming to Hadley, every planter was to have a house lot of eight acres. It was voted January 21, 1661, that each house lot should be "well fenced by April next"—each man doing his portion. The great street 20 rods wide extending from the river bank at the north to the brink of the river to the south was furthered protected by fences, posts and rails; also gates for there were originally highways extending thru this wide street from east to west — three to the east, north, middle and south extending to the pine woods — the middle one extending also to the west was the present Russell Street.

Palisade 8-Feet High

This fencing certainly was not regarded as adequate protection for when real hostility broke out with the Indians in 1679 palisades were erected some eight feet in height. The town voted to do this February 11, 1676.

This is Judd's description: "It was a palisade fence crossing the home lots, in the rear of the buildings, on both sides of the street and crossing the street some rods from each end. The two sides of the palisades were each almost a mile in length and the two ends were 40 rods each. There were strong gates at the ends and at the highways on the sides". These are the highways above referred to.

As there was little danger of an attack from the west, the meadow side, this fortification was not there strongly made. Men might not make outlets for themselves or for cattle thru this fortification. As the distance from east to west inside the stockade was only 40 rods and as the street with the Common measured 20 rods, this must have cut the house lot inside the stockade to only 10 rods.

Thus almost every man, to get into the rear of his house lot, had to go thru a gate and cross the land of others to reach the rear of his own.

250 Braves Attack

This stockade must have been erected just in time, for in June, 1676, there was a real Indian attack on Hadley by a band of some 250 braves.

One detachment attacked from the northeast.

A small cannon was fired at the savages from a house at the north end of town. With the discharge of this "great gun" the Indians all fled in terror thoughly routed and pursued by the band of soldiers under the command of Major Talcott who has only recently arrived to garrison the town. No real attacks were made by the red men after this.

So much for the stockade. Four or five houses at the north end of the town were not included in this protection. Probably these were close to the stockade on the north highway extending towards the east. Also the house of John Russell, Sr., at the southeast end of the main street, was not included.

These five or six houses, however, were not the first dwellings outside the palisade for in 1661 a small house lot below the south highway that extended to the West towards the river, was reserved as a "ferry lot" and Joseph Kellogg built a house thereon.

It must have been of respectable size for he was by agreement allowed to entertain travellers.

Here he had a boat for horses and a canoe for persons. Also William Goodman probably had living rooms in the mill or perhaps a small cottage about 1671 some three miles north of the stockade, for we find that a house lot next to the mill was granted by the town.

We know that this was a sort of outpost or garrison where two to four men were constantly on the lookout for the approach of hostile Indians. But the mill and whatever house existed were destroyed by Indians in 1677.

The first really accredited settler north of the stockade was Joseph Smith (a cooper) who took over the mill rebuilt in 1678 or 1679 and built on the house lot adjoining. This part of the town now known as North Hadley was called the Mills or the Upper Mills until the 19th Century.

Indians Attack Again

There is evidence that an attempt wa smade in 1674 to start a settlement in that part of Hadley which is now Sunderland.

Whether it actually came to starting buildings we do not know. Anyway if it did, such structures were promptly destroyed by the Indians and no further attempt was made in this direction until 1714.

The first grant of land south of Mt. Holyoke was made in 1675 to Thomas Selden, "6 acres on the river at the mouth of Dry Brook".

With the proven security for the dwellings inside the stockade and the constant fear of the hostile Indians it seems very evident that the inhabitants of Hadley were loath to risk houses at any distance from this harbor of refuge.

To be sure, in 1715 Capt. Job Marsh built a housee where the Church and Town Hall now stand at the corner of what may even then have been called Back Street, and the road leading into the pine woods, undoubtedly a few other houses were built outside the palisades to the east and to the west but close enough so that retreat would easily be made inside the barrier in case of an emergency.

We know that in 1720 there were 15 families living in what is now Russell St., east of the stockade, and at that time there were six or seven families on Back Street (now Middle Street) and six or seven families living west of the stockade on that portion of the present Russell Street.

On January 25, 1720, the town of Hadley voted to lay out the land south of Mt. Holyoke.

This move was due to the energy and foresight of six persons —Peter, William and Luke Montague, Chiliab Smith, Jr., John Preston and Ebenezer Marsh.

At the turn of the 18th Century there was a feeling of unrest in this town of ours. The houses, secure within the stockade, were overcrowded. Too many families lived in a single dwelling.

4-Sisters, 4-Husbands, One House

Thus John Preston married one of four sisters, each of whom brought her husband home to live under the paternal roof.

The children of William Montague lived in the same house with their uncles, aunts and cousins, besides their parents and grandparents.

This proposal to migrate to beyond the mountain met grave opposition and caused so much anxiety that in the spring of 1720 a day of fasting and prayer was appointed to implore Divine Blessing upon this hazardous undertaking".

The house lots south of the mountain were laid out in the spring of 1720. The work of clearing and fencing these home lots began. These hardy laborers still lived in the old part of Hadley, going home every Saturday to return to their labors Monday morning, bringing with them a week's supply of food to be supplemented by fresh meat and fish so easily obtained.

One hundred and seventeen inhabitants of the town of Hadley were entitled to draw shares for this new settlement according to the assessed valu eof their property in the town—3¼ acres for every pound of assessed estate.

These new homes were slowly occupied on account of natural reluctance to leave the protection of the stockade, the underlying fear of the Redmen.

Peter Montague's home was probably not completed in 1720; John Preston's house was started in 1721.

In spite of signs of another Indian uprising in 1722 more house lots were laid out south of the mountain but because of the definite outbreak of hostilities, these early settlers returned to the dwellings near or inside the stockade.

It was not until 1725 that John Preston finished his house, the second to be erected in that part of town. It was not until 1727 that active settlement was consummated. But within five years 40 families were living south of the mountain. However, Indian depredations in this region continued on a minor scale until 1757.

On March 4, 1700, Hadley voted that three miles and one quarter east of the meeting house, and from the north side of Mt. Holyoke to Fort River, should be common land forever.

That the tract east of this should be laid out in three divisions. The first two were to be for home lots, the third for pasture.

Because of the ever recurring Indian wars and raids, no attempt was made to settle any of these lands east of the very shadow of the stockade in Hadley.

To be sure, one Foote of Hatfield by tradition made an attempt to live by fishing and hunting in a shanty on the east part of what is now Amherst, a little north of the East Parish Meeting House.

Foote Folly Swamp

He soon gave it up but that part of the town was known for many years as "Foote Folly Swamp." About 1719 a squatter by the name of Peter Domo lived two miles east of the stockade in Pine Plain. He acted as shepherd for the flocks pastured nearby. His hut was well fenced and he raised crops and sold huckleberries. We have a record of him as late as 1757 when he removed to Granby. Judd states that settlement in the 3rd precinct, now Amherst, may have begun as early as 1727.

The first real record that we have is the vote taken in Hadley in 1730 to lay out an acre of land for a cemetery for the dwellers in the east portion of the town.

In 1731 there is a record of the settlers in that portion of the town 18 in number.

This region was recognized as the 3rd precinct in 1734, the year David Parsons was secured as the first pastor. There is no record and it is impossible to state with any accuracy where these 18 lived.

We do know, however, that the Meeting House was on the hill where the Amherst College buildings now are and presumably the earliest houses were in fairly close proximity. A map of Amherst in 1770 with the names of the householders attached is the first real proof we have of the land owners.

Between 1731 and 1738 fourteen more settlers arrived and in the next six years 34 were added.

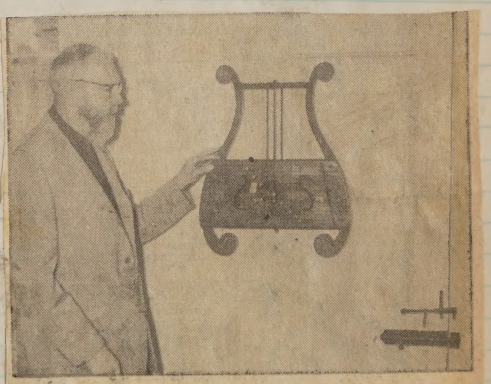
From 1745 to 1763 sixty nine joined the settlement, so by this time there were more houses in Amherst than in the original town of Hadley. While it certainly was not the first house by any means built within the limits of the town, the Boltwood house on Amity St. now owned by Mason Dickinson, is known to have been built in 1745. The Stockbridge house under the shadow of the University of Massachusetts, according to some authorities, may be a bit older.

The Strong house on Amity St., the home of Amherst Historical Society, was built in 1746.

Belchertown

Belchertown was settled about the same time as Amherst. In October and November, 1727, this region was plotted on a chart by Col Timothy Dwight of Northampton. In 1731 several families from Northampton, Hadley and Hatfield settled in the town then called Cold Spring.

Judd states that Aaron Lyman was licensed as an innkeeper there in 1728 but Holland gives July 1731, as the date of Lyman's arrival with the others from the above-mentioned towns.



CURATOR OF PORTER-PHELPS-HUNTINGTON HOUSE, Dr. James Huntington, author of the accompanying article, inspects a 150-year-old door harp in the famous old home, one of the first houses built outside of the Hadley stockade to the north. The first portions of the home, known as Forty Acres, were built in 1752.

Settlement, Growth Of Outlying Hadley Slowed By Indians; Tercentenary Soon

By JAMES L. HUNTINGTON

This is the concluding article of a two-part series by Dr. Huntington describing the first houses erected outside the stockade of Hadley. Dr. Huntington has prepared these articles in conjunction with the Hadley Tercenterary celebration which will be observed in July and August of this year.

Settlement And Growth of Outlying Hadley

The growth of Hadley north of the stockade was very slow, probably because of its close proximity to the river—the highway for scouting Indians.

There is a record of three small houses being built along Mill Brook by 1731. However, the first substantial house built north of the stockade was that of Moses Porter on Forty Acres in 1752 — the present Porter-Phelps - Huntington Historical House Museum.

Moses Porter married in 1746 Elizabeth Pitkin of Hartford and brought her back to his father's house — undoubtedly the one built by his grandfather Samuel, on West Street, now owned by the McQuseton family. The house was overcrowded as were most of the houses in the broad street. Both his father and mother were still living and occupied the house; probably his Uncle Eleazer and his family.

It was because his wife Elizabeth could not stand this overcrowded abode that she persuaded him to build on the next lot north of his parental home. But even then there were too many Porters for Elizabeth (50 years later this part of Hadley was referred to in my great-great-grandmothers diary as 'Porter Plain') and Moses again was persuaded to move by his sensitive spouse. This time he would get far enough away so in spite of possible Indian raids he prepared to build on the Porter property to the north and he chose the present site on the Forty Acres tract, and some 500 acres surrounding it.

He sold his father's house on the Broad Street of Old Hadley to his cousin Eleazer, Jr., who had just graduated from Yale, and a year or two later, the house that he had newly erected. The roof tree was raised on the house on Forty Acres late in the Spring of 1752 and the family moved from the populous village to the lonely house on the river two miles to the north.

Appetite For Real Estate

One of the earliest to build north of the mansions was Joseph Alexander.

On December 12, 1766, there is the record of the birth of his son Eliakim, so the house was built before that.

Faxon Deane lived in one of the houses near the Mill. This was bought by Benjamin Smith who sold it in 1784 to Charles Phelps of Forty Acres, who seems to have had an avid appetite for real estate. I have the deed in which this p urchase is described: "Dwelling house and shop adjoining near the grist mill built and formerly owned by Faxon Deane".

He must have settled in Hadley by 1766 at the latest for in that year his daughter Olive is recorded as born in Hadley. Judd gives the dwellers in the Upper Mills in 1770 as John Acers, Charles Phelps, Timothy Hammond, Daniel Leonard, Daniel Worthington. Joseph Alexander, Benjamin Smith, Faxon Deane, Caleb Bartlett, Elisha Smith 3rd, Elisha Smith 2nd, and John Smith and Aaron Goodrich. Judd notes that in that year there were no inhabitants at Plainville, none in the Sunderland Road north of Caleb Bartlett's house and none between Charles Phelps House and Back Street.

In 1774 the two houses in what is now known as East Hadley or Plainville were built, one by Joseph Nash and the other by his brother-in-law, Nehemiah Gaylord. This house built by Gaylord was purchased later by Nash and the present brick portion was added in the 1840's. Just where the original Nash house was built we do not know but evidently it was in fairly close proximity. An entry in our ancestral diary reads: "Sunday, Sept. 11, 1774, in the afternoon Mama and I rode up to see some new neighbors above us, Gaylords and Nashes".

Also in 1774 a house was built at the foot of Mt. Warner by Charles Phelps, on land owned by him for Samuel Sneed.

Hubbard-Belden-Smith

In 1786 George Hubbard, who came to Hadley in 1780, built a house near the Mill on the left hand side going north in what has now become the Main Highway thru that part of the town.

The next house to be built was that of Stephen Belden on lot where now stands the house of Arthur Howe.

Benjamin Smith built just north of this a large house. This was later a hotel and after it was taken down in 1826 the famous Thaddeus Smith Tavern was built on the site—the signboard of which is now in the room of the North Hadley Library.

Samuel Ferguson sold half of his dwelling with land surrounding to Charles Phelps in 1784. This house is described in the deed as on the east side of Sunderland Road, bounded by the Mill Pond. In the same month he bought from Horace Day half of a dwelling house, barn and land bounded by land owned by the School on the south, east by the Mill Pond, west by land leading to School meadows and north on School land, near the grist mill. In November, 1783, a cottage was built by Charles Phelps at the edge of the woods opposite his mansion for George and Mary Andries, Hessians who worked for Phelps.

In 1785 or 1786 Daniel Russell built a house some mile and a half north of Stephen Belding's present location of the Ryan Farm in North Hadley). William Montague owned a house even further north. This was built in 1786.

In the census for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts made in 1790 it gives in the town of Hadley 133 heads of families. We find 24 of these living north of Charles Phelps, 2 living north of William Montague. From notes made in 1897 by R. M. Montague is this statement: "In 1797 there were but five houses north of the lot where the church now stands". This would tend to prove that several families lived in a single house and also that most of the houses in this part of the town were centered around the mill on the outskirts toward Amherst.

Mrs. Smith, Arthur Howe's sister, in notes made in 1919 gives the number of homesteads in the Upper Mills in 1797 as 13 including Charles Phelps but not George Andrios. The houses of Josiah Nash and Nehemiah Gaylord are not included.

Capt. John Lyman and his son Zado were the first settlers in Hockanum. They came from Northampton after their house was destroyed by fire in 1742. probably 1744.

Feared Indians

So much for the settlement and growth of the outlying portion of Hadley.

Now let us look at the growth of the original portion of the town. Lots were laid out to the east as early as 1684 but Judd states that because of the Indian War "No man would build outside the fortification".

Some building was begun in 1699 but again rumors of Indian hostilities prevented any houses outside the stockade being occupied. Judd states that in 1706 there probably were 70 families and they all lived on the broad street and the highway to the north extending east towards the Pine Woods. Besides these was the miller living three miles north. There were a few houses just outside the stockade, such as the Ferry House.

Back Street, the present Middle Street, was laid our 20 rods wide originally and all the houses were on the east side. In 1773 the town narrowed the street and sold the land on the west side thus obtained to the owners of the adjoining lands on West Street. Only six of seven families lived on Back Street in 1720.

Probably about the same time as Back Street was built upon, the Bay Road section of Hadley was being occupied for it was of an over-increasing importance as the highway leading to the south and east on this side of the river. Certainly there are houses now standing that bear all the evidence of fairly early 18th Century construction. Certainly by 1772 when the luxurious Ben Smith Tavern was built on the corner of Back Street and the Bay Road this thoroughfare was a most important feature of the town.

Growth Slow

In the early years of the 19th Century the growth of Hadley was very slow and it is hard to tell just when the present roads were added. The Hatfield bridge was built in 1807 and undoubtedly the present Huntington Road was laid out at that time, if not before.

In 1816 Charles Phelps built his substantial mansion, now the Phelps Farm on River Road.

Dan Huntington, came to live in Hadley and occupy the mansion which later his wife inherited. Two of his sons built on the acres owned by their grandfather, Charles Phelps. Theophilus built just north of the Mansion later bought by Will Comins. Theodore built north of Coleman's Brook, the house now owned by Louis Klimoski. Later Theodore moved to Huntington Road.

That house was destroyed by fire and the house on that site is owned by Stanley Zygmont.

Just when East Street was laid out I am not clear, but from the number of houses on the map of 1860 it probably was early in the 19th Century. Until the last decades of the 19th Century there were only three houses on Huntington Road. In fact there were hardly more than that in 1950.

The same might be said of Rocky Hill Road where now a half a hundred houses stand. In fact, especially with the advent of the super-highway of Route 116 this bids fair to be the most thickly populated part of this grand old town of Hadley.

Huntington, Publisher, Dead At 86

BOSTON (AP) —Word was received here today of the death in London Tuesday of Constant Huntington, 86, Massachusetts - born London, England, publisher.

Huntington, who was born in Malden on Sept. 20, 1876,, was head of Putnam & Co., Ltd. During his long publishing career he was credited with discovering such writers as Erich Maria Remarque and Isaak Dinesen.

Graduated from Harvard in 1899, he wrote in the 50th anniversary report of his class, "There is nothing in my life to be particularly proud of, however modestly."

A member of a distinguished Massachusetts family he was the grandson of Bishop Frederick Dan Huntington, once bishop of central New York, and son of the Rev. George Putnam Huntington of Dartmouth College.

Huntington entered the publishing firm of G. P. Putnam and Sons, New York, in 1902. Three years later he was sent to England to represent the firm. The London branch was incorporated as an English company in 1916 and in 1933 Huntington acquired controlling interest. He was also a director of G. P. Putnam and Sons of New York.

His wife, Gladys Theodora Parrish, a novelist and magazine writer, died several years ago.

Survivors include three brothers, Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley, Prof. Henry Barrett Huntington of Providence, R. I., and the Rev. Paul Huntington of Richmond, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Brian Urquhart of London and New York, wife of a United Nations official and three grandchildren.

MR. CONSTANT HUNTINGTON

A correspondent writes:—

Mr. Constant Huntington, who for almost 40 years was head of Putnam & Co., the publishers, has died in London after a long illness.

Constant Huntington was one of the very last of the individualist publishers: it is doubtful if Putnam, under his control, ever published a book that he had not only read but dealt with personally, in every detail. Between the wars, he made a notable contribution to British publishing.

Born in Boston in 1876, he studied architecture after being at Harvard, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and he joined G. P. Putnam and Sons, the New York publishers, in 1902. Three years later he came to England to take charge of their London office, then primarily concerned with distributing American-published books. He never concealed his delight in London society and what he called "the great world", and he entered into life here with enthusiasm, later in the company of his talented wife, the author of *Madame Solario*.

He had already demonstrated his flair for spotting promising authors by securing an option, from his friend William Heinemann, on the American rights of John Galsworthy. But it was from the early 1920s that he was able to develop his full publishing ability, not only in choosing literature, but—a Bostonian with the common touch—in appreciating the popular. He was responsible for an astonishingly wide range of authors, from Florence Barclay (author of *The Rosary*) to Dr. Marie Stopes (whom he took on long before she was "respectable") including *All Quiet on the Western Front*, and that minor classic, *The Specialist*. In the twenties he published L. H. Myers, and, more than 10 years before he was acclaimed, L. P. Hartley. In the thirties he had a particularly good judgment of foreign authors: Sholokhov, Hans Fallada, Italo Svevo, Karen Blixen. Perhaps the author whose work gave him most pleasure of all (because he was particularly involved) was Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart.

Constant Huntington was a soldierly-looking, strikingly handsome man, patrician in taste, radical in outlook; his qualities were consistently reflected in the books he published.

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Constant Huntington, at 86, Publisher, Native of Malden

Constant Huntington, 86-year-old Massachusetts-born London publisher, died Tuesday at his home, it was learned yesterday.

He was the head of Putnam & Co., Ltd., and in a long and distinguished career "discovered" such authors as Erich Maria Remarque and Isaak Dinesen.

NATIVE OF MALDEN

Yet he wrote, in the 50th anniversary report of his Harvard class of 1899: "There is nothing in my life to be particularly proud of, however modestly."

He was born in Malden Sept. 20, 1876, member of a notable Massachusetts family. He was the grandson of Bishop Frederic Dan Huntington, once rector of Emmanuel Church and bishop of central New York, and the son of the Rev. George Putnam Huntington of Dartmouth College.

He was graduated from St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., and Harvard, cum laude, in 1899.

On Oct. 17, 1916, he married Alys Theodora Parrish, novelist and magazine writer whose most successful book was "Mme. Solario." She died several years ago.

After leaving college he spent a year at Harvard Medical School, then studied architecture briefly at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

JOINED PUTNAM'S

He entered the publishing firm of G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, in December, 1902, and in January, 1906, was sent to England to represent the firm. The London business was incorporated as an English company in 1916, and from that time he served as its chairman, acquiring a controlling interest in 1933. He was also a director of G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

In recent years he had been in semi-retirement.

He leaves three brothers: Dr. James L. Huntington of Hadley, Prof. Henry Barrett Huntington of Providence, and the Rev. Paul Huntington of Richmond, Va.; a sister, Miss Catherine Sargent Huntington of Beacon Hill; a daughter, Mrs. Brian Urquhart of London and New York, wife of a United Nations officials; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be in England.

HADLEY

A daughter was born Sunday in Cooley Dickinson Hospital to Hopkins Academy Principal and Joseph E. Zalot and Mrs. Zalot of Russell St.

In conjunction with their United States history class, the junior class took a field trip to the Porter-Phelps-Huntington house last Friday morning. Before the students were guided through the house, Dr. Huntington gave a brief history of the house as well as early Hadley. Although the students had to hurry through the huge house, the tour provided an excellent picture of home life in the colonial period. Serving as guides for the class were Mrs. Sessions and Mrs. Griswold.

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Anne, Peter, Paul, Benjamin, Jessie.

Striking Family Resemblance

ON A RECENT VISIT to his grandmother, Mrs. John (Doheny) Sessions of 113 River Drive, Hadley, Sam's resemblance to the portrait of his cousin, Dr. James L. Huntington of 128 River Drive, was remarked upon by Doheny. Six-year-old Sam, son of Mrs. Sally Chapin of Chapel Hill, N. C., obligingly agreed to pose for this picture during one of his less busy moments on his grandmother's farm. The portrait hangs at the head of the stairs in the stately 18th century mansion, Porter-Phelps-Huntington House on Forty Acres in Hadley. It was painted by R. H. I. Gammell, a prominent mural painter and intimate friend of Dr. Huntington, in 1929, showing the doctor in his robes of the College of Surgeons, and Harvard Doctors' hood.

Porter-Phelps-Huntington Group Holds Meeting

The 16th annual meeting of the Porter - Phelps - Huntington Foundation was held at the historic house on River Dr. on Friday. Those present were, Mrs. Stephen Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Clark, Mrs. William Craven, Mr. William Dwyer, Prof. Donald Fenn, Mrs. Edice Gale, Rev. Benson Harvey, Miss Catharine Huntington, Mrs. Vera Hill, Alfred Mueller, Mrs. Fern Nutter, Miss Annie Porter, Miss Ruth Scott, Mrs. John Sessions, Mrs. Hugh Tatlock, Miss Eleanor and Miss Margaret Upton, Dr. James L. Huntington, curator, presided.

In his report of the past year Dr. Huntington listed the first publication of Elizabeth Porter Phelps' dairy covering 50 years of life in Hadley appearing in the January and April numbers of the Register of the N. E. Historical and Genealogical Society in Boston. The years 1763 through 1773 are covered and will continue in further issues.

Also reported was the restoration of the old garden through a gift of $100 in memory of Constant Huntington and wife, a portrait of Epes Sargent, Bishop Huntington's brother-in-law by Chester Harding, a mural of the Mt. Holyoke Range by Stephen Hamilton gift of the Massachusetts Dep't of Agriculture plus several financial donations. The foundation entertained this past season, the Ladies of St. Bridget's Church of Amherst, the Pioneer Captives, the History Class of Hopkins Academy, Hadley, and 20 Smith College students on Mountain Day. Attendance during 1963 had increased by nearly two hundred over the previous year.

Directors of the foundation for the next three years are William Chmura of Hadley, Miss Catharine Huntington of Boston, Mrs. William Craven of Sunderland, Miss Ruth Scott of North Hadley, Dr. J. L. Huntington. A membership drive has been organized to begin this summer. Mrs. Brown and Prof. Greene will cover Amherst, Mr. Chmura and Miss Scott, the Hadley area, Mrs. Craven and Mr. Fenn the Northampton and Miss Huntington and F. Murray Forbes Jr. the Boston.

The directors re-elected Dr. Huntington and Mrs. Brown president and vice president, respectively. William Dwyer, clerk; Glenn Clark, treasurer. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Sessions will serve on the executive board for this coming year.

Events of unusual importance are set for this season. On June 20 the Bay State Historical League will hold its annual meeting in Hadley as guests of the foundation with a tour of the town, luncheon and meeting at the Congregational Church and a visit to the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House where refreshments will be served. On July 18 the Huntington Family Assn. will visit the old house following a meeting in Hartford.

At the conclusion of the reports, elections, and announcements the members of the foundation were served refreshments in the dining room recently restored through the gift of a Life Member, a direct descendant of Dan and Elizabeth Huntington.

Mrs. Lawrence Gale and Mrs. James Bissland with local girls will be hostesses and guides at the house this summer, now open for visitors from one to five daily including Sundays through early October.

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Colonial House Open In Hadley

BY RALPH W. PORTER

HADLEY — Many visitors ne annually to New England search of Early Americana l a better insight into the toms and daily living of ir colonial forebears. ew better places to turn k the pages of history can found than Forty Acres, sit- ed on the bank of the Con- ticut River at Hadley. his mansion was built in 2 by Moses Porter. Embody- no structural changes since 9, it is considered one of the st beautiful examples of ear- American architecture still existence.

t has remained the heritage the Porter - Phelps - Hun- gton families for 10 genera- ns, each adding something to treasured collection. Dr. nes Lincoln Huntington, its icious curator and guide, is irect descendant of the build-

Many houses still remain that re constructed as early as 2, or even earlier. But there few that have not been par- lly rebuilt during 165 years l even fewer that have not perienced a change in fami- ownership in all that time. But, more remarkable, the ire contents of the house ve been reserved intact, thus eating a monumental collec- n of rare antiques.

Furnishings represent all the es that have married into the ter, Phelps and Huntington nilies — Barrett, Pierce, Bow- ch, Cook, Whiting, Sargent, ncoln, Stearns, Higginson, lfinch, Sprague and White.

Many Events

This mansion, and the elm - ded grounds that surround have witnessed a panorama life's events including births, ristenings, weddings and ths, visits of distinguished sts and family gatherings generation after generation. ts story begins with Moses ter, born in 1722. He was a ndson of Samuel Porter, mber of a band of English neers that settled in Hadley 1659. On Dec. 5, 1752, Moses, wife, Elizabeth and daugh- Betty, moved into their new me on Forty Acres, first lt outside the Hadley stock- erected to repel marauding lians.

The main house rested on ndy soil and consisted of two ories with the usual peaked of. A cellar was dug under ell which contains a chim- y with four flues, a chamber smoking pork and salmon d a brick oven.

Three American elms were anted in the door yard, one each family member. One ll stands in spite of years, rms and floods. Moses instal- l ancestral papers, furniture d records accumulated over ree generations. These are as left them when he went off fight the French and their dian allies in 1755 and was ain.

Daughter Married

His daughter married Charles helps, Jr., in 1770 and dur- g the next three decades many anges were made at Forty res, both inside and out. Squire Phelps turned the use to face the street and ought it to its present state beauty by putting on a gam- el roof with cornices, adding e Greek porch with its slender llars and the woodshed with ches. He redesigned the Long om with a graceful arch aming windows on the east, ded delicate woodwork pan- ed shutters and wainscoted alls.

The Huntington family enters e picture with the marriage Dan Huntington to Elizabeth elps in 1801. They took pos- ssion of the estate in 1816, t because of a large and ex- nsive family made few im- provements. The old house owly deteriorated as old uses are wont to do.

Upon the death of Dan in 1865, e property passed into the nds of his youngest son, Fred- eric Dan. The latter became Bishop of Central New York in 1869 and spend many happy summers at what was now known as the Bishop Huntington House.

Not much is known about the next few decades until in 1913 the present occupant and curator interested other members of the family in restoring it. He has performed an outstanding piece of work.

Antique Treasure

Antique treasures to be found inside are too numerous to catalog, but a few are worthy of special mention.

In the kitchen is the table and chairs where the Porters dined. On it lie the knives, forks, copper kettles and pewter platters they used. This trestle table, with a base of maple and top of pine, is considered one of the finest pieces of its kind.

A case in another room displays family documents, including a deed dating back to 1697, which pinpoint outstanding events in the family history.

There are deeds, wills, bills of sale, ship's papers, diaries, commissions and letters, holding among them signatures of three signers of the Declaration of Independence, seven presidents of the United States and famous governors, generals and statesmen of the day.

Other items filling the house include tables, chairs, secretaries, mirrors, rugs, highboys, clocks, beds, chests, portraits, matched pewter plates, warming pans and paintings — truly a feast for the antique lover.

One feature the casual visitor is not likely to encounter is a ghost which reputedly has been seen by many persons over the years. In the northeast bedroom is a canopied bed which repeatedly has shown the imprint of a stretched-out figure, the pillow indented as if a head had lain there, and reappearing morning after morning although the bed has been remade.

A visit to Forty Acres is worth while to the antiquarian, historian or plain lover of beautiful things. It is open daily from May 15 to Oct. 15 from 1 to 4:30 p.m., and in the morning by appointment. Admission is 50 cents, children under 16, 25 cents.

Elizabeth, the Gentle Ghost Of Huntington House, Hadley

By Agnes M. Dods

It is a gentle ghost that haunts the Huntington House in Hadley, but it is a ghost none-the-less, that of Elizabeth Porter Phelps.

It is said that she had the third story of the beautiful house added in anticipation that her beloved son, Charles, and his family would come to live at the old homestead known as Forty Acres. But Charles never returned to reside in Hadley, the attic story was never quite completed. Under the cover of darkness Elizabeth Phelps makes the rounds to see how the work is coming on and it is reported that she always stops to tuck in any children who may be sleeping in the house. Members of the family have become accustomed to waking suddenly in the night and seeing a little old lady bending over their bed.

First Appearance

Elizabeth first made her appearance some time in the early 1860's, fifty years after she had departed to the "Great Beyond." She visited the room of a maid who woke screaming. When the room was searched nothing at all could be found out of order.

From that day on members of the family often saw dim figures in the rooms, and the ancestral footsteps continued. In the early evening the squirrels and mice could be heard scampering about the garret but at the first stroke of twelve all this activity would cease. The steps would be heard ascending the stairway until they reached the top just as the last stroke of twelve was tolled by the old clock in the house. The scurrying of small animals would begin again and anyone who had heard the ghost could go back to sleep for from then on all was quiet.

In the early 1900's a youthful member of the family was assigned an upstairs room as sleeping quarters. This was near the stairway leading to the attic. He was awakened by footsteps and as he fled down the stairs, he encountered a figure his own size mounting the stair case. Needless to say he never slept in that room again.

In the early 1920's Dr. Huntington's Aunt Arria died and the Sessions family (also relatives) opened their home for the funeral services and as a convenience to members of the family who had to travel from some distance. Fred, one of the Huntington brothers, arrived in Northampton late and walked to Forty Acres. Rather than wake the Sessions family he decided to spend a night at the old homestead and crawled in through an unlatched window.

In Her Own Bed

He proceeded to make himself comfortable and as he went upstairs with an armful of blankets, he passed his aunt's old room. He was surprised to see her lying on her own bed, her hands folded across her heart, a peculiar twist to her mouth, but he thought how nice it was that she could spend her last night on her bed in the old home she had loved.

In the morning another of the Huntington brothers who had been staying at the Sessions house saw the tracks in the light spring snow and realized what his brother had done. He crossed the road to greet him and in the conversation that ensued Fred remarked about Aunt Arria's presence in the house and how appropriate it was that she could be there.

His brother was amazed for he knew that Aunt Arria lay in her coffin at the Sessions house across the street and had been there for some time. When Charles viewed the body later on he noticed the same peculiar twist to the mouth that he had noticed at Forty Acres.

Another guest visiting the Huntington House occupied a downstairs bedroom. Early one morning he saw a figure in old fashioned clothes sitting at a table arranging her hair. When the task was completed, she turned so that her face could not be seen and vanished.

Another Room

Still another visitor who had the same room, entered at noon time and found a depression as if someone had been lying on his bed on the pillow. It was smoothed out but when he returned later in the afternoon, the same depression had re-appeared. He asked to be transferred to another room.

At one time the footsteps became so frequent and distinct that it was assumed that some one had entered the house but when the state police were called and searched the premises with drawn guns, not a thing could be found.

If you visit the Huntington House, which is open to the public, and there is a flutter of curtains at the window for no apparent reason at all and if there is an unexplained unseen presence in the room, don't be frightened for you've met Elizabeth the Gentle Ghost of Forty Acres.

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Historic House Has Fine Season; Reports Given

A meeting of the directors of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation was held on Sunday afternoon, at the house of Mrs. John Sessions River Dr., Hadley. There were present, Dr. James L. Huntington, curator who presided, Atty. William Dwyer, clerk; Glenn Clark, treasurer; Miss Ruth Scott, Mr. A. MacDougall, Mrs. William Craven, William Hubbard, Mrs. Stephen Brown, Miss Catherine Huntington and Mrs. Sessions, hostess.

Dr. Huntington gave a report of the past summer at the historic house open each season from May 15 through Oct. 15. This summer there had been 1059 visitors, a figure greater than the previous one and included 22 who came from Canada, France, India and Germany. In his report Dr. Huntington paid tribute to the hostess for the summer, Mrs. Edice Gale of Bernardston who numbers seven of Hadley's first settlers in her ancestry and in showing the house contribute much through her knowledge of Hadley history.

Special recognition was also given to the work of Thomas Andrews who was made a life member of the foundation by vote of the corporation and directors present for his contribution in preparing the diary of Elizabeth Porter Phelps for its present publication in the Quarterly of the New England Genealogical Register.

Dr. Huntington then nominated Mrs. Craven and Mr. Clark as a committee to make the business arrangement for printing a new brochure of the house and report to the executive board at its next meeting. The serious necessity for painting the house was then brought up by the curator. He read for approval a letter to go to all members of the Foundation with the annual notice of membership dues asking for a contribution to meet this expense. He reported on the response to a letter sent with the annual report asking for suggestions for new members. He received 30 replies giving 65 names and from these 20 new members were signed bringing $445 in dues with additional donations inspired by the letters.

Amherst Journal Record

Thursday, July 23, 1964

A valuable addition to the original furniture of the old house was received this summer in the return of two handsome 1760 Chippendale chairs taken by Judge Charles Huntington, oldest brother of Bishop Huntington, as his share of family possessions in 1860 and now sent back according to the will of his grand-daughter Elizabeth Quincy Huntington.

Mr. Clark in giving his treasurer's report stated that this had been a successful year for the old house with an increase in income and a decrease in expenditure of the exterior and interior of Forty Acres.

Following the business meeting colored slides taken during the summer by R. H. Arnold and Mrs. MacDougall were shown, and the meeting adjourned for egg nog and refreshments served by Mrs. Sessions.

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TOWN & COUNTY

By DOROTHY POTTER

The annual report of the Porter - Phelps - Huntington Foundation, Inc. for 1964 noted that 965 visitors, 173 more than the previous year, toured "Forty Acres," the magnificent rambling 18th century mansion on Rte. 47 in Hadley.

James Lincoln Huntington, curator of the house-museum, noted that Robert Needham, president of the Bay State Historical League, has indicated that the league is eagerly anticipating its next annual meeting scheduled to be held in Hadley in June when members will have the opportunity to explore "Forty Acres."

Built on the banks of the Connecticut in 1752 by Captain Moses Porter, the beautiful old home has sheltered 10 generations of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington families, and has known no structural changes since 1799. Its entire contents have been preserved intact, creating a monumental collection of valuable antiques. Also on exhibition are private family papers dating from 1697 in which appear the signatures of three signers of the Declaartion of Independence and seven presidents of the United States.

League to be entertained at Forty Acres

Historic Hadley is Site of Annual Meeting on June 20

Hadley is surrounded by country rich in interest for the visitor. The ancient town with several very early buildings, the even older Northampton just across the river, the home of Smith College; Amherst, originally part of Hadley where Amherst College and the State University are located, the birthplace and home of Emily Dickinson is less than five miles distant. Deerfield with its old houses, restorations and Deerfield Academy is but 15 miles away. South Hadley where Mount Holyoke College is, lies but 10 miles distant. In the old town of Hadley settled in 1659 is the house of Samuel Porter 1712, nearby is the cemetery with graves marked with names of some of the founders of the town. The Church built in 1808 shows the influence of Sir Christopher Wrens. We will be the guests of this Church at luncheon and the meeting following.

Location — Hadley is just across the Connecticut River from Northampton on Rt. 9. While there are buses to that city from Springfield and Boston the hours are unfavorable, and the automobile is the only possible means of travel. The Church is at the traffic light at the intersection of the Rts. 9 and 47 in the center of the village.

Morning — Registration in the foyer of the Church, officially starts at 11:00 a.m. but early arrivals will be welcome at 10:30. Tickets (and payment for the same) and programs should be obtained here. Buses to view the original town, the 1712 house and the cemetery will start from the Church beginning at 11:00 a.m. The Sanctuary and the Farm Museum (only a few steps away) also will be ready for visitors at 11:00.

Luncheon — At 12:30 in the assembly room of the Church, $1.50. Reservations must be in the hands of Dr. J. L. Huntington, Hadley, Mass. by June 16th. (Payment and ticket at time of registration). After luncheon there will be a short recess and further opportunity to visit the Sanctuary and the Farm Museum.

Afternoon — Promptly at 2:00 p.m. the annual meeting, in the same room as the luncheon, will be called to order.

After the business meeting Dr. Huntington will tell briefly the story of Forty Acres from the founding of the town to the establishment of the Foundation.

Immediately following this Forty Acres will be ready for visitors to the rooms and the gardens.

At 4:00 p.m. the Sixth Massachusetts Continentals will drill on the lawn.

There then will be further opportunity to visit the rooms and gardens. Refreshments will be served until 6:00 p.m.

Anyone unable to stay after the meeting in the Church may arrange to visit Forty Acres between 10:00 and 12:30 a.m. if a request is sent to Dr. Huntington before June 15th. For those planning a weekend the following accommodations are nearby:

The Country Belle, Russell St. (Rt. 9) Hadley.
The Country Motel, 72 Lawrence Plain Rd. (Rt. 47) Hadley.
Spruce Hill Motel, 237 Russell St. (Rt. 9) Hadley.
Hotels:
The Lord Jeffery, Amherst and the Hotel Northampton, Northampton.

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Historic Hadley Scene Of Meeting Of Bay State Group

The Bay State Historical League (organized 1903 and incorporated 1941) held its June meeting in Hadley on Saturday at the invitation of Dr. James L. Huntington, curator of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington House.

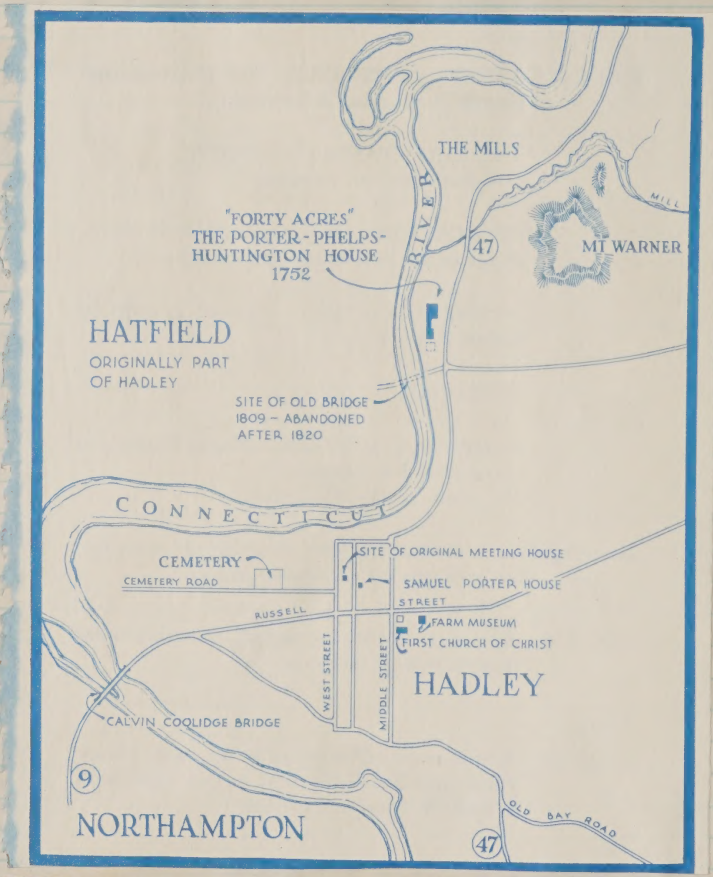
Hadley selectmen, the School Board, the Police and Highway Departments all helped to provide for the group of 150 visitors which gathered at the First Congregational Church in the morning.

West St., the Old Burying Ground, the McQueston's House and the Farm Museum were visited before luncheon, which was served by the ladies of the First Congregational Church, with Mrs. Mabel West, chairman. Those members of the PPH Foundation who helped during the morning were William Dwyer, Glenn Clark, William Chmura, Donald Fenn, Dr. Elinor Smith, Mrs. Fern Nutter and Mrs. Barbara Craven.

After luncheon and the business meeting of the League, Dr. Huntington gave a brief history of Hadley and the Porter - Phelps - Huntington House, which those members present were invited to visit.

During the afternoon 10 members of the Sixth Massachusetts Continentals gave an exhibition of the drill and drum calls, of the Revolutionary soldiers. The fife and drum members played the original versions of Yankee Doodle, Road to Boston and Welcome Here Again, all popular music of the time. All were in full regalia. Dr. Wilbur, and Commander William M. Wigham, of Southwick arranged for this demonstration.

The following members of the PPH Foundation assisted at the House and served refreshments after the drill; Mr. and Mrs. A. MacDougall, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fenn, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. James I. Huntington, Mr. Glenn Clark, Mrs. George Pratt, Mrs. Edice Gale, Mrs. James Bissland, Mrs. John Sessions, Miss Annie Porter, Miss Cindy Hahn, Miss Teresa Wanczyk, Miss Teresa Callahan, Miss Ruth Scott, Miss Doris Abramson, Mrs. Martha Beaver, Mrs. Margery Sullivan and Miss Eleanor Upton.



Mrs. Fifer + Drum Corps
Mark Kelly with Washington Dinner in front row.

C. Caroline Edgell

Secretary's Report of Annual Meeting in Hadley

The Summer Meeting of the Bay State Historical League was held in Hadley on June 20, 1964 with the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation as host. On a typically hot annual meeting day, the members enjoyed the lovely countryside, the beautiful white church on the green, a tour of 1712 Samuel Porter House, the 1680 cemetery and a country auction nearby.

The Farm Museum held an extraordinary collection of objects and devices, some well remembered, of the farm and home of past years.

At a luncheon before the meeting, Hadley asparagus and strawberries were featured.

The business meeting was called to order at 2 P.M. by Robert Needham in the First Congregational Church of Hadley. The invocation was given by Rev. Darrell W. Holland, pastor of the church. The secretary's report was accepted as printed and the treasurer, Mr. Saunders, reported a balance of $376.08 in the treasury with estimated total assets of $4948.08.

The Fall Meeting will be on October 17th in North Andover with the League of New Hampshire Historical Societies as our guests.

Mrs. Robert Barclay spoke of the conference of New England Historical Societies which will be held in Concord, New Hampshire on November 7th and 8th. Problems for discussion will include integration with schools, training guides, historical housekeeping and maintaining of records and collections.

The Norton Historical Society was elected to membership in the League and the Woburn Historical Society reinstated.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is progressing with its work on certification of historic sites.

The roll call brought 230 responses from 83 different societies including many from the western part of the state.

At the suggestion of Richard Fitzpatrick, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Richard F. Lufkin, who passed away a year ago.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate: President, Robert F. Needham; Vice-Presidents, Stephen T. Riley, Gilbert L. Bean, Mrs. Edward T. Broadhurst; Treasurer, Wm. Flewellyn Saunders; Secretary, Peter D. Peterson; new Directors to serve to 1967, Abbott Howe Nile, E. Perry Mansfield, Mrs. Dorothy Lowell Salter, Miss Ruth A. Woodbury.

William E. Dwyer, president of Hopkins Academy in Hadley, told of the history of the school, the oldest in Western Massachusetts, which is now observing its tercentenary. It was founded in 1664 with funds willed by Edward Hopkins, seven times governor of Connecticut. The Hopkins Fund is the oldest charitable trust in the United States. Originally a college preparatory school, with tuition once $3 a quarter, it has been a public high school since 1911 and has present enrollment of 228.

Among its graduates was Major General Joseph Hooker, Commander of the Army of the Potomac. (And the whereabouts of the tablet from his statue in front of the State House still eludes us.)

Dr. James Lincoln Huntington told the story of "Forty Acres", an 18th century mansion lived in by ten successive generations of the Porter-Phelps-Huntington families. Built originally in 1752 by Moses Porter, an ancestor of Dr. Huntington, and with a few additions in subsequent years, it has had no structural changes since 1799 and has remained in the same family. It contains an extraordinary collection of furnishings and family papers of the people who have dwelt there. The sense of completeness and identification with a family's history is very strong in this 18th century home complete with fine furniture and possessions which truly belong there. Outside are beautiful trees and a sunken garden. There is even the promise of a ghost.

"Forty Acres" is now maintained by the Foundation of which Dr. Huntington is president.

The drill of the 6th Massachusetts Continentals on the lawn brought a final touch of color and sound to end a very enjoyable day in Hadley.

P. D. Peterson, Secretary

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HISTORICAL LEAGUE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1964

James Lincoln Huntington, *President*
Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation

Rev. Darrell W. Holland, *Pastor*
First Congregational Church

PROGRAM

11:00 A.M. Registration at the First Congregational Church (Early arrivals may register at 10:30 A.M.)

11:00 A.M. -
12:20 P.M. A tour of the original town of Hadley with brief stop at the Samuel Porter House (1712) and the 1680 Cemetery.

The Sanctuary of the Church and the Farm Museum (but a few steps away) will be open for visitors before and after the bus tour which should take about one-half hour.

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12:30 -
1:30 P.M. Luncheon served by the Ladies of the Church (Hadley Asparagus and Strawberries)

1:30 P.M. Recess and further opportunity to visit the sanctuary and the Farm Museum.

2:00 P.M. SHARP — ASSEMBLY: First Congregational Church (same room as luncheon)

"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER"
Miss Ruth Scott at the piano

INVOCATION — Rev. Darrell W. Holland, Pastor of the First Congregational Church

BUSINESS MEETING — Called to order by Robert F. Needham

ROLL CALL

SHORT ACCOUNT of founding of Hadley and the story of Forty Acres —
Dr. James Lincoln Huntington

Immediately after the meeting Forty Acres will be ready for visitors to tour the rooms and gardens.

4:00 P.M. Drill of the 6th Massachusetts Continentals on the lawn in front of the house.

4:30 -
6:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served by the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation and further opportunity to view the house and gardens.